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SULTAN WARNED.

The Powers Notify Him That Europe Propose to Control the Finances of the Empire.

RUSSIA WILL PROTECT HIS PERSON.

The Sultan Promptly Notifies an Ambassador That He Will Not Submit - Refuses to Become a Second Khedive.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The Russian ambassador acting in concert with the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, Saturday, had audience with the sultan on the subject of better administration affairs in the empire. The ambassador warned the sultan that if the revenues for the payments of the Turkish debt were not ceded to European control with the finances of the empire force would become inevitable; that the czar would guarantee the sultan's personal safety and would engage to maintain the sultan's supremacy in the event of severe measures by the powers. The sultan, however, refused to consent to measures for the control of the finances or otherwise by the powers. The ambassador replied that the condition of the empire placed the throne and caliphate in imminent peril. The sultan replied impressively. "I may be the last of the caliphas but I will never become a second khedive." In addition the ambassador sent a note to the Turkish government pointing out in precise terms the necessity of the sultan following the advice of the powers, saying a refusal to do so would involve most disagreeable consequences. Great significance is attached to this in diplomatic circles. The ambassadors will meet twice a week hereafter until they complete the recommendation to the sultan and his advisors. They will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy in regard to their deliberations. These steps by the powers are said to have produced a profound impression on the Turkish government and the Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and here are being fully released.

TO BEAT PLATT.

Choate Will be Pushed for Murphey's Place if Platt Succeeds Hill.

New York, Dec. 28.—Friends of Joseph H. Choate are determined to put him in the United States senate if it is a possibility. They undoubtedly expect Thomas C. Platt will be elected to succeed Senator David B Hill by the coming legislature, but they are relaxing no effort to get Mr Choate as large a vote as possible. From the very day of Mr. Platt's election, if he should be named for the senate in place of Mr. Hill, the Union League club, the Republican club, the contingent of Republicans in the Lawyers' club, and the McKinley league, which is crystallizing the anti-Platt sentiment throughout the state, will open a campaign, the slogan of which shall be Choate for senator, and will last through until the legislature of 1897, when a successor to the junior Democratic senator, Edward Murphy of Troy, shall be chosen.

The argument of the anti-Platt men is that to elect Choate, the effort, if unsuccessful now, would grow in importance and become a big issue before the next legislature, which will elect a successor to Senator Murphy. Meanwhile, the distribution of federal patronage would exert an ever-increasing influence in state politics.

The state anti-Platt forces are now engaged in the work of organization. For the next three months William Brookfield, John E. Milholland, George E. Matthews, Congressman James J. Belden of Syracuse, John Montignani of Albany, and Theodore Willis of Kings will devote much time perfecting an administration party in every county in this state.

Another Bank Failure.

Milwaukee, Dec. 28.—The Wisconsin's West Superior special says: The Bank of Superior suspended today on account of the threatened run; it had $25,000 capital, and $5,000 surplus largely tied up in investments. The deposits were about $100,000, of which $13,000 belong to the city of Superior. It is hoped to pay in full.

Killed by the Cars.

Pekin, Ill., Dec. 28.—William Walker, a resident of Tazewell county, was run over by a Big Four train a Lilly, near Pekin last evening. One leg and an arm were cut off, and he died from the injuries a few hours later. He was attempting to board the train, which was moving rapidly, and fell under the wheels. He leaves a widow and four children.

ATLAS BANK SUSPENDS.

The Clearing House Committee and Officers of the Bank Decide It Shall Go Out of Business.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Atlas National Bank yesterday decided to go out of business and therefore did not open its doors this morning. The other banks of the city will advance $600,000, the amount necessary in addition to the amount of cash it has on hand to pay the depositors in full.

This decision was reached last night at a conference of the clearing house committee and representatives of the Atlas Bank at the home of Isaac G. Lombard, and is the result of a steady decrease in the bank's business, which dates back almost a year and which became especially marked in the last two weeks.

The tongue of rumor assailed the standing of the bank as soon as the news of the failure of the National bank of Illinois became public. One week ago today no less than 200 telephone messages were received by the Tribune asking if it were true the Atlas had failed, and for the next two days the inquiries were almost as frequent. The run which followed sealed the fate of the institution.

Here are the official announcements which write the epitah of a financial institution which has lived almost ten years.

"Owing to the continued ill health of the president of this bank it has been decided to close its business. No deposits will be received hereafter, but all depositors will be paid in cash upon demand. Depositors and correspondents are requested to present their claims for balances due them before Jan. 1 next, so far as may be possible.

Atlas National Bank,
"W. C. D. Grannis, Pres.,
"S. W. Stone, Cashier.

"Dec. 28, 1896."

"The Atlas National Bank having decided to retire from business, the clearing house committee has made an examination of its affairs and on its report the associated banks of the city have decided to advance the amount needed to pay its depositors in full as shown by its books Dec. 26, 1896, without waiting to convert its assets into cash. The amount required to be advanced will not exceed $600,000. The bank will not receive any deposits from date. Checks on it will be settled through the clearing house as usual. Isaac G. Lombard, L. J. Gage, Orson Smith, C. J. Blair, E. G. Keith, clearing house committee."

One year ago the Atlas had in deposits $30,231,400; on the 17th of this month they footed up $1,860,413; at the close of business on Saturday night they were in all probability nearly $1,000,000 less.

Liquidation.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Partly as a result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois last week, the Atlas National bank began voluntary liquidation today, paying off depositors. No deposits were received and as fast as accounts were checked up depositors were paid in full and their books taken up. The Atlas suffered heavily from runs occasioned by the closing of the National Bank of Illinois, the deposits aggregating $900,000 having been withdrawn last week. This and the fact that a gradual shrinkage of deposits extending over a long period, brought the resources of the institution down to a low figure and it was decided by the management to retire from business. The clearing house arranged to advance the necessary funds to close up the business without delay, taking the Atlas bank's collateral, pending a realization on its securities.

Eckels Views as to Atlas Bank.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Comptroller Eckels says the closing of the Atlas National Bank of Chicago is entirely voluntarily. Information he has received indicates that all creditors will be paid in full. No one will lose anything and the bank's affairs will be settled very promptly.

M'COY DEFEATS DOHERTY.

The Contest Was Finished in Nine Rounds Out of a Possible Twenty.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.—(Copyright by Associated Press.)—Kid McCoy, the American middleweight defeated Billy Doherty of Australia in nine rounds for the middleweight championship of the world. The fight was to be twenty rounds for $5000 and gate receipts. McCoy completely outclassed Doherty.

The Three Friends.

Washington, Dec. 28.—When the filibustering steamer Three Friends arrives at Jacksonville in charge of the customs officials she will be libeled for violation of the neutrality laws. The important point in connection with the case will depend on whether or not the vessel had guns mounted aboard. Her offense in this event would be much graver than if the guns were not on board.

Denial from Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—A representative of the Associated Press is informed that not only has Germany not made representations to Washington regarding Cuba as has been alleged, but has not been approached on the subject by any power in any way.

THE NEW TARIFF.

Hearing Commenced This Morning as For Former Announcement.

SEVERAL DELEGATIONS PRESENT.

They Argue Against the Ad Valorem Duties of the Wilson Bill and Favor Specific Duties — The Chemical Schedule Considered.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The tariff hearings before the ways and means committee began this morning according to previous announcement. Several large delegations were present. The morning was devoted to the chemical schedule, the afternoon to wines and liquors. Thomas F. Harrison of Philadelphia, representing the manufacturing chemists of that city made the first statement. He said he would ask moderation in the schedule and as far as possible a change from the advalorem of the special duty. Those whom he represented asked no favors. They only desired justice. They are being crushed between the textile manufacturers and the importers. Some data was also submitted relative to competition by China and Japan. H. Krebbs of San Francisco, submitted an argument for a change of the schedule of the act of '94 relating to borates and borax. The present law provides a duty of two cent per pound on boracic acid, and two cents on refined borax. He argued for a new classification of the compounds of borax, the rates ranging from three to six cents a pound. W. H. Childs of New York and J. T. Schieldkohf of Buffalo, argued in favor of increasing the duty on coal, tar, dyes. J. S. Page of New York, representing the color manufacturers asked if the duties on chemicals be increased that the duties on colors be increased proportionately. Several other arguments in behalf of the paint and dye trades were made.

GEN. WEYLER HAS A CLOSE CALL.

Reported the Insurgents Nearly Capture Him in Pinar del Rio.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 28.—Havana advices say that General Weyler has narrowly escaped capture in Pinar del Rio. He was traversing the military road from Artemisa to San Christobal, the second day of his arrival, with a smaller escort than usual, when some Cubans in ambush poured in a sudden fire, killing nearly half his escort. Weyler's horse shied and ran off, carrying his rider out of range. Dozens of Cubans pursued on foot, firing at him. The sound of firing brought up a squadron of cavalry and Weyler plunged into their midst in somewhat undignified haste. The skirmish was continued for half an hour, when, finding that they were outnumbered, the insurgents withdrew. The town of Paso Real, south of San Christobal, was besieged by the insurgents on Monday, and but for timely reinforcements sent by Weyler it would have been captured. The Cubans captured 300 head of cattle and a large supply of stores.

The cavalry garrison at San Angelos, a small town near Paso Real, deserted to General Rivera on Sunday, taking all their horses and arms.

Weyler has issued an order that all Spanish soldiers found holding communication with the enemy will be shot at once.

Wolcott and Canton.

Canton, Dec. 28.—United States Senator Wolcott had a long conference with McKinley today. Wolcott says it is his object to further the cause of international bimetallism. Walcott is chairman of the senate committee to prepare a bill to that end. Wolcott declares that McKinley is deeply interested in the cause of bimetallism and is anxious for a platform and pledge for the furtherance of an international agreement to be promptly made good by proper legislative action.

Visible Grain Supply.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The visible grain supply is: Wheat 54,445,000 bushels, corn 18,893,000 bushels, oats 3,476,000 bushels, rye 2,996,000 bushels, barley 4,875,000 bushels.

Destructive Land Slide.

Rome, Dec. 28.—A landslide destroyed the village of Santa Ana De Pego, demolishing 118 houses, and rendering 150 families homeless. There was no loss of life.

Drowned.

Malaga, Dec. 28.—A fishing smack was wrecked off this place, drowning twelve men and several children.

Floods.

Athens, Dec. 28.—Floods occurred in Livavua district accompanied by great loss of life.

M'KINLEY'S TIN HORN WRECKED.

Destroyed by a Mob of Free Silverites at Franklin, Ind.

Franklin, Ind., Dec. 28.—The mammoth tin horn which is being carried to Washington for the inauguration from Tuscola, Ill., was brought into this city a broken wreck of crushed tin by its disheartened bearers. The horn is 33 feet in length and is being carried by four men, who are to walk the entire distance. Saturday they came from Martinsville, intending to reach this city at night, stopping at Trafalgar at noon, where they were taken to the home of Dr. Byers, a leading Republican, for dinner, leaving the horn on the street. While eating they were visited by the leaders of a mob of free silverites which had formed and told that if they did not leave town in ten minutes their horn would be smashed. They paid small attention to the warning, supposing it was only meant for fun. However, when they came out they just saw the last act of the tin horn tragedy. The gang had mashed the horn flat, walked on it and totally wrecked it. The wreck was picked up and brought here, where an effort will be made to repair it and allow the McKinley marching club to proceed. The assailants will be arrested and dealt with summarily.

TORTURED WITH FIRE

Robbers Beat an Old Man with Burning Sticks—He is Dying.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—Jack Keel, an old German, who keeps a small store on the Beardstown road, was subjected to torture by fire, at an early hour Sunday morning. Two masked men committed the outrage. Keel lives by himself back of his store and many people have been of the opinion that the old man has large sums of money secreted about the place. Only a few nights ago two men visited the store and at the point of a revolver compelled him to give up what he had in his cash drawer. At this time they made a hurried examination of the premises, but did not remain long. Sunday morning the same men again came to the place. It was about 3 o'clock when they arrived, and they remained until almost daybreak, endeavoring to compel the old man to disclose the supposed hiding place of his money. Keel protested that he had nothing, but the men did not desist until they had rendered him unconscious. First, they set his bed on fire, having tied him in the bed clothing. Then, when he was almost suffocated, they released him, and compelling him to strip, lashed his body with burning sticks. The old man is in a precarious condition as a result of the torture.

HONEY A CURE FOR SMALLPOX

Remarkable Discovery Accidentally Made in Mexico.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 28.—Experiments made with smallpox patients in Oaxaca show that by administering honey diluted in water to smallpox patients the pustules of the worst variety disappear and the fever is immediately diminished. The matter attracts much attention. The remedy was accidentally discovered by a young girl who was down with the disease, who secretly refreshed herself with honey and water, with astonishing curative results, and it was then tried on soldiers sick with the disease.

Latest as to the Railway Accident.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—There are conflicting stories current as to the number of dead taken from the wrecked train near Brockton. The official list furnished by the Louisville & Nashville road this city, shows only twenty-one bodies recovered and eleven persons injured, of whom two are fatally hurt and six seriously. It is claimed by some who witnessed the clearing of the debris yesterday, including several physicians, twenty-eight were dead when taken out.

The body of James Bowling, the express messenger, was shipped to his former home at Guthrie, Ky. The wrecked train has no mail service, Sunday, which explains the escape of the railway postal agent, Bass, at first reported among the missing. Conductor Rutherford reported missing, was not on the train.

Failure.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 28.—The White & Howe Co., retail shoe dealers, assigned today. It is claimed the failure was caused by the bank failures here and in Chicago. The creditors are mostly eastern firms. It is believed the company will pay in full.

Sent to Prison for Life.

Havana, Dec. 28.—Julio Sanguilly, the American citizen tried and convicted for conspiring against the government, was sentenced today to imprisonment for life and pay half the expenses of the trial. Subsequently he declared he was insolvent.

Quick Death.

London, Dec. 28.—In a landslide at Ratemore, a laborer's house was overwhelmed and a man, wife and seven children were buried. The bodies have not been recovered.

BANKER'S SUICIDE.

Otto Wasmansdorff Whose Bank Failed Last Week Takes His Own Life Sunday.

NO WARNING OF HIS INTENTIONS

After a Pleasant Romp with a Favorite Grandchild He Kisses Her, Passes Up Stairs and Kills Himself.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Otto Wasmansdorff, senior partner in the suspended bank of Wasmansdor & Heinemann, committed suicide shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence, No. 549 Cleveland avenue, by shooting himself in the head.

The most sensational feature of this self-inflicted death of an aged man, to whom no suspicion of wrong-doing was attached, was the bald fact of the act itself, there having been apparently no preparation made for it, and no suspicion on the part of any friend or any member of his family that he contemplated so violent an end to the troubles in which the suspension of the National Bank of Illinois had so unexpectedly involved him.

The news of Mr. Wasmansdorff's suicide spread rapidly through the clubs and among the homes of his acquaintances, and came as a great shock to the old banker's friends, of whom he had a limitless number in a business and personal way.

Mr. Wasmansdorff rose and breakfasted yesterday morning at his usual hour. He was quiet in demeanor, but not more so than he has been constantly since his bank, in which he took great pride, became involved. The members of his family did what they could in the way of cheering conversation to rouse him from his depression. His wife talked to him pleasantly on family and commonplace topics in which he was interested.

The result of this means of raising Mr. Wasmansdorff's spirit was so effective that he engaged in a playspell with his little grand daughter, a child 8 years of age, the daughter of his son, William, whose home has been at No. 575 Cleveland avenue, a few doors north of the elder man's residence.

Only Saturday it was decided, upon still further means of keeping Mr. Wasmansdorff in as happy a frame of mind as possible, that William and his family should take up their residence under the paternal roof, and preparations were being made as rapidly as possible for this change. There being a great affection between Mr. Wasmansdorff and his grandchild, the little girl was permitted to pass the most of the time in her grandfather's company.

The frolic between the two fast friends, one an aged man rapidly succumbing to the infirmities of years, the other a flaxen-haired and bright-eyed little girl, full of life, and so ignorant of the troubles weighing so heavily upon her grandfather she knew no reason to be otherwise than as happy as she was, began shortly before 9 and continued the better part of an hour. Then Mr. Wasmansdorff told her he was tired and raised her in his arms for a farewell kiss, which he imprinted lovingly upon her little lips. Saying nothing to his wife, who, with the servant, Annie Schmidt, was on the parlor floor. Mr. Wasmansdorff mounted the stairs and proceeded immediately to a little ball bedroom at the front of the house, in which four years ago his son Richard died of pneumonia.

By some means unknown to any member of the family, the banker possessed himself of a revolver belonging to his son William. He stretched himself across the bed, in which no one had slept since Richard died, and, placing the muzzle to his right temple, pulled the trigger and sent a bullet crashing into his brain. He uttered no sound heard by human ears.

His wife, however, heard something, which she at first thought was caused by some article of furniture falling to the floor, and she sent the servant up stairs to investigate, and she found him dead.

McKinley Takes the Sacrament.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 28.—President elect McKinley spent the greater part of a beautiful Sunday at his own home, receiving callers informally. This morning he attended quarterly communion service at the First Methodist Episcopal church, accompanied by his niece, Miss Duncan, of Cleveland, who took the sacrament with the major. In the afternoon he took a short drive and spent a part of the time allotted to this exhilarating pastime in a visit to his mother.

The French Statesman.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Clemenceau, the distinguished statesman, is seriously ill.

OLDEST VOTER IN THE U. S.

William Sloan Green of Indiana is Hale and Hearty at the Age of 109—Fought at Tippecanoe.

Portland, Ind., Dec. 28.—William Sloan Greene of Greene township, said to be the oldest voter in the United States, is now in his 109th year. He is often seen in Portland and is a hale, hearty-looking man whose age might be variously guessed anywhere from 70 to 90. He generally wears a home-made half cutaway frock coat, an old fashioned waistcoat, light-colored trousers, a woolen shirt, soft hat, and rough, heavy boots. His hair and a fringe of whiskers, which extends from ear to ear, are of a yellowish color. His hearing is accurate and his eyesight good. He is able to thread a needle and can read the print of an ordinary newspaper without glasses.

"I was born," he said, in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, Nov. 27, 1787. I was 109 years old last month. I remember when my parents moved to Ohio. It was to settle on a tract of land which had formerly belonged to George Washington, land to which he had secured governmental patents. It was a part of a 20,000-acre tract that Washington had acquired some time before the Revolutionary war and leased. My parents finally settled in Trumbull county, where I was reared. I came to Indiana to live during Jackson's second term as president."

Mr. Greene served under William Henry Harrison at the battle of Tippecanoe, he says.

Fourteen of Mr. Greene's twenty-nine children are living. The eldest is Mrs. George Wolf of Sweetser, Ind., aged 75. His youngest child was born when he was 88 years old. He lives with his 60-year old son, Peter Greene, who resides six miles west of this city, but often visits with his other children at Bedford and Sweetser.

Cullom and the Illinois Senatorship.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—Senator Cullom arrived here Saturday night direct from Washington to attend the wedding of Governor Tanner next Wednesday, but he was engaged at the residence of his bride-to-be, Miss English, completing the final arrangements for the ceremony, and consequently he and Senator Cullom did not meet. They have not seen each other since the election. They will meet at the wedding, of course, but will not have much opportunity to talk politics on such occasion, nor will they find an opportunity afterward, as Governor Tanner will start on his bridal trip that afternoon, and Senator Cullom intends to return to Washington a few days later. This seems to dispose of the story that he came out here to take a hand in the settlement of the national contest, as his appointment of his seat in the senate will be back in begin to arrive before the legislators opportunity to see many of the Republican leaders during his stay. Thus far his nearest approach to taking part in the contest, so far as can be learned, consisted in his dining with Senator Littler, one of the aspirants.

Rat's Nest in a Cremona Violin.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Miss Nannie Duvall is now the owner of a genuine Cremona violin, which she acquired by accident a few days since. The young lady is an accomplished violinist, and while at her home in Owenton, Ky., recently, she heard that a farmer who lived in the vicinity had an old fiddle which he had at one time supposed to be of some value. She visited the man, and after some time the violin was located under a pile of rubbish in the garret, where it had been for the past forty years. It was unearthed, and was found to contain a very promising family of rats. It was broken in several places, but she noticed the dark mark, 1717. Miss Duvall is now in the city the guest of the family of John Robinson, the circus man, at the Burnet house, and has had the violin examined by an expert. It was at once pronounced a genuine Cremona, and of great value.

Murdered and Body Placed on a Track.

Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 28.—Christof Shirra was found murdered in the railroad yards about 11 o'clock Saturday night. He was a well known workingman, and was identified with several lodges, which are using all possible efforts to discover the murderers. Shirra had been drinking during the day, and had been in several small fights, and it is believed some of these combatants followed him when he started for home and struck him with a coupling pin. After killing him they attempted to hide his body under a warehouse. They decided to lay the body across the rails, but in their excitement they put it across the switch track, and only Shirra's foot projected across the main line.

Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Showers this afternoon and tonight; Tuesday, showers, followed by fair weather; warmer east tonight; brisk southerly winds.

Failure in the East.

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 28.—The Laconia Car company is insolvent; liabilities, $617,000; assets, $407,000.

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Fallacies About Debtors.

Baltimore Sun: One of the many assertions popularly believed, and yet not true, is that the most heavily indebted parts of the country are the west and south. We hear constantly of those western and southern farm mortgages, but they are not a drop in the bucket compared with the mortgages that rest on the factories and homes of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England.

This is one of the fallacies that has long done duty in the discussion of the money question—the assumption that all the debtors and debts are in the west and south and all the cash and the creditors in the east and north. There is, in truth, no geographic dividing line between debtors and creditors, and when it comes to an actual count of noses on the subject there are more debts and debtors in the so-called creditor section of the country than in the so-called debtor sections. In New York city alone there are more mortgage debts and debtors than in a half dozen states of the union. The latest available census returns show that the mortgage debts on farms and homes in New York state amount to more than double those on all the southern states from Maryland to Texas, although the population of the latter is four times as great as that of the Empire state. The mortgage indebtedness of New York exceeds by $60,000,000 that of all the states and territories west of the Missouri river. The four typical northern and eastern states commonly spoken of as the creditor states—New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Jersey—owe more than $69,000,000 of mortgage debts in excess of the similar debts owed by the seven central states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

There are six states in which the mortgage indebtedness of the people is above $100,000,000—namely, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa and Massachusetts. These six states contain only one-third of the total population of the United States, but their people owe more than one-half of the grand total of all the mortgage debts of the country. The southern states all added together, with a population of 23,000,000, have a total mortgage indebtedness of $171,000,000. The single state of Pennsylvania, with only one-quarter of the population, owes $211,000 060 on mortgages. The single state of Illinois, with only one-fifth of the population, owes $177,000,000, which is $6,000,000 more than the aggregate of the fifteen southern states.

It does not follow, however that because the north and the east owe so much more than the south and the west the latter sections are not the poorer sections of the country. Undoubtedly they are. Debts are evidences of industrial enterprise, and may be taken as in themselves as indicative of the prosperity of a community. Mortgages mean growth and business expansion. It is only the foreclosure of them by the sheriff that is an alarming symptom, pointing to business depression and industrial decline. The return of prosperity will not mean fewer mortgages, but more, and that will be a healthy sign, because it will show that men have confidence to borrow on one side and to lend on the other. When the borrower feels able to use the capital he borrows profitably and the lender has faith in his ability to collect his interest and get back his principal, business is booming and times are good.

The Monetary Conference.

It is the expectation of the friends of the movement for an international monetary conference that the question will be taken up in the senate soon after the holidays, though it may be considered first in the Republican caucus. The committee appointed by the caucus to draft a measure had the latter under consideration, Wolcott, the chairman, has prepared the draft of a bill to serve as a basis for whatever action is agreed on. The tendency among the members of the committee is to leave the personnel, and the number of the conferees entirely to the president; also the form in which the initiative is to be taken by this country. Senator Hoar, who is a member of the committee, furnished much valuable information which was collected by himself abroad last summer. He told them that France was aggressively in favor of an international understanding, and that the sentiment in Germany was very favorable but that the Emperor was a stumbling block. He also expressed the opinion that England would be found much more tractable than is popularly supposed and suggested that a little pressure might be brought to bear with good effect, going so far as to say that the payment of some debts, owed in this country to England, in silver, might bring the English to a realization of the importance of an agreement and prove a valuable object lesson.

This is a summary of the status of the case as reported in Washington. It goes to show that those having the matter in charge are in earnest and are proceeding along logical lines. What will come of it cannot be fairly predicted at this time, but in the nature of things the prospect for an international agreement as to silver and its relation to money were never better nor more promising. International trade demands a better system of money: one that will enable the world's commerce to proceed untrammeled by the money changers. If the commercial nations had a common unit and a common agreement as to the ratio at which gold and silver might be coined, the difficulties that have heretofore beset trade would be removed with the danger of this country attempting to coin gold and silver free at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Weyler says Maceo had nothing to eat for three days prior to his death, so destitute had the insurgents become. This may or may not be true, but there is no doubt Maceo could go three days without food easier than some of his enemies can go three days without lying.

Spain is preparing to send another army into Cuba. She evidently proceeds on the theory of the widow who, when about to marry her eighth husband, remarked: "As long as the Lord keeps taken of 'em I will keep marryin' of 'em."

The most unsatisfactoy featurre of the reported death of Maceo is that nobody seems to know where the body is buried or can produce it.

DON'T GO TO CUBA.

Advice Given to Young Men by General Bradley T. Johnson, Who Has Been There.

Baltimore Sun: "Young men from the United States should not go to Cuba to aid the revolutionists," said Gen. Bradley T. Johnson in a lecture at the Catholic Club, in which he told of some of his experiences and observations during his stay on the war-torn island last summer.

"There is not the slightest sense in the world in their going to Cuba," he continued. "They are not wanted or needed by the Cubans. All the insurgents want are arms and medicines. The Cubans can carry on a guerrilla warfare for months to come. Their war is one of devastation of property, the Spanish war is of extermination of the Cubans. Our young men will find no opportunity to battle as they might expect—no chance to win military honors and renown. When they enter the insurgents' ranks they will find themselves herded with negroes, and their military engagements will be the occasional ambuscade of detached bodies of Spanish soldiers and the destruction of property throughout the country. Don't go to Cuba, my young friends. You are of more value than the whole of the people on that island. There is no fighting. I could take the Fifth Regiment there and clean out Weyler in short order.

"I am a Cuban sympathizer and I think that Cuba should have her independence, but I do not think that the United States ought to help her win it by arms except within certain time limit. The best thing for us to do is to pass the Cameron resolution, pending in congress, recognizing Cuban independence, and let the Cuban patriots go ahead and fight it out.

They can do it. They are not unlike the Virginia mountaineers—long-legged, lean, alert and muscular—but they are the worst looking, most ragged soldiers I ever saw, not excluding the old confederates.

"The island must be part of the United States. It is as necessary to us as the mouth of the Mississippi river, which we had to buy. It lies across the Gulf of Mexico like a great big sword. It bars the Gulf and controls the commerce of the Ohio, Missouri and Mississippi valleys which seeks an outlet by water.

"President Cleveland said in his message that there is no revolutionary government in Cuba to recognize. I differ with him. There is a government in Cuba which governs. It is not essential that the revolutionists should have a president. They have laws which govern and control the people everywhere save in Havana and a few of the large cities. The American colonists had no president when France came to their aid.

"While I was in Cuba I met a Japanese officer, covered with decorations, who got permission to make excursions into the island. He returned on the same steamer with me to New York. He had made one of the most perfect maps of Cuba I have seen, accurately locating all the Spanish strongholds and the position of their armies. I believe that this information was for use in the rebellion now going on in the Phillipine Islands. I take the latter to be simply a move of Japan to get control of the commerce of the Pacific ocean."

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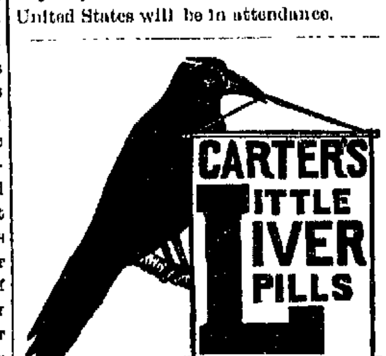
Late Bicycle Gossip.

The wheelmen of the New York Athletic club have a contest on the calendar which will probably end only with the beginning of the new year. The conditions are that the winner of the Pendleton Cup must ride five miles daily until all other competitors have dropped out. There were 72 entries last May. When the big snow storm came up last week only four remained. Some icy weather may be expected between now and New Years and whoever sticks to the end is sure to experience some pretty tough cycling.

If the league of American Wheelmen as a whole will work for good roads this coming year as will the New York division of that rapidly growing organization, then cyclists generally will rise and and praise the L. A. W., and give it their dollars and their material aid. Highway improvement is acknowledged to be the greatest work the league has before it. And good or even fair roads are in such small proportion to the bad ones in this country that a small beginning in this direction will give the league a prestige that it just now lacks. Chief Consul Potter of the New York division, who it is generally believed will succeed Sterling Elliott as president of the league, has formed a road improvement bill with the approval and co-operation of the State Grange officials, and with the combined influences of the wheelmen and the farmers it is confidently believed favorable legislation will be secured. The work will be pushed vigorously and no doubt will be aided much by the good roads congress to be held at Albany in February in conjunction with the national assembly of the L. A. W. This will be an event of widespread importance since gentlemen prominently identified with highway improvement in all sections of the United States will be in attendance.



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Broken Java Coffee, lb	10c	1 " Wool Soap	25c
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10c Blueing	5c	Clothespins, per doz	1c
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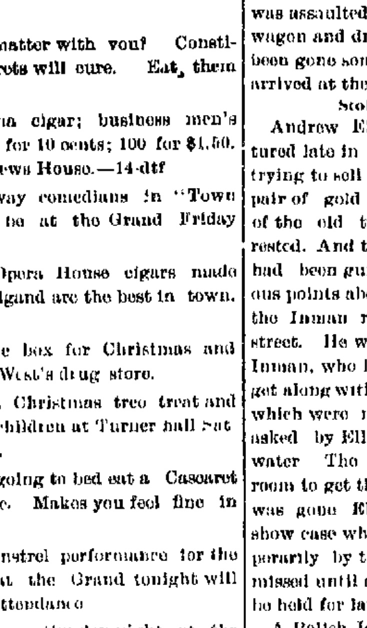

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This public good will alone encourages us to greater efforts for the coming year, and we assure all we shall endeavor to merit the same liberal patronage in the new year as of the old, aiming always to give the public "the greatest possible value for the lowest possible price." Very Truly Yours,

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LOCAL NEWS.

No school this week.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Fine cigars for the holidays, $1 per box at West's drug store.

It will soon be time to begin writing it 1897.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for $1.90.

The skaters were on the sloughs Sunday.

High grade cigars, $1 per box, for presents at West's drug store.

The Salvation Army gave a free Christmas dinner to 250 poor children at Pekin.

Parties who have leased apartments in Powers' new block have commenced moving in

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

The Broadway comedians in "Town Topics" will be at the Grand Friday night.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. nch 26-dtf

Cigars by the box for Christmas and New Years at West's drug store.

There was a Christmas tree treat and music for the children at Turner hall Saturday evening.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

The lady minstrel performance for the charity fund at the Grand tonight will draw a large attendance

The attendance Sunday night at the Grand was quite large. The entertainment embraced selections by Goodman's band and orchestra, Marina Flint in hypnotic fun and the magniscope pictures.

Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

New upright pianos $225, $250, $275 and $300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for $185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house —dec7 dtf

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Sheriff Neal, of Clinton, was in Decatur Saturday looking up pointers in which to defend the suit against him for $10,000 damages, instituted at Springfield by a party named Waite-ides.

Scott Winings, who attempted suicide in the McGrath hotel at Eagle Grove, Iowa, is now at the home of his father, 'Squire Winings, at Lake City He will recover from the razor cuts in his neck if no complications result.

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The body of Mrs. Harriet Jones, who died Saturday at the home of her son at 1246 North Water street, aged 67, was taken to Frederick, Ill., on Sunday for burial The cause of death was heart failure.

The invitations have been issued for the musicale and dance to be given by the Fellowship Club at Guards' Armory on Thursday evening, Dec. 31. It will be one of the fashionable events of the holidays and will no doubt be largely attended.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on the Neisler Drug and Supply Co. or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar which always gives relief.

In the county court Saturday Gus Jordan was fined $18, including the costs, on pleading guilty to disturbing a religious meeting at the Salvation army barracks and for assault. He went back to jail but later gave bond for the payment of the money and was released.

Cider! Cider! Cider!

Sweet cider made of sound apples for sale, will deliver on short notice. E. W. Allen, Harristown, Ill.—21-d6 *

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

POLICE STATION NEWS.

A Number of Minor Incidents—Stole Specs —Bad Treatment.

Saturday evening the patrol wagon was kept on the go to nab a number of offenders.

Bad Treatment.

William Maiden, B. Davidson and a young man named Brewer, all residing in Long Creek township, remained in the city until after dark, and they lingered too long at some of the saloons. They started for home in a farm wagon. They lost their bearings and drove at a runaway pace on Wood to Main before they discovered that they were headed wrong. Then they turned south to Jefferson and whirled east to Franklin, north to Wood and thence east. The police heard the racket and started out on the chase, but they lost the trail. Later a call came for the wagon to come to a point near the hospital, and there in the street the officers found Davidson with a cut on the left side of his face and partly unconscious. There had been a fight, and Davidson had been knocked silly with a beer glass, which he said Maiden had taken from a saloon. Davidson found lodging at the police station. Sunday morning he gave bond, and started for Long Creek, declaring that he would whip both Maiden and Brewer on sight to pay them for what they had done to him. After Davidson was assaulted his companions got into the wagon and drove off rapidly. They had been gone some minutes before the police arrived at the scene.

Stole a Pair of Specs.

Andrew Elliott, a stranger, was captured late in the evening. He had been trying to sell a pair of gloves, rings and a pair of gold rimmed specs in the vicinity of the old tray factory. Elliott was arrested. And then it came out that Elliott had been guilty of petty larceny at various points about the city. He called at the Inman restaurant on South Main street. He went into the office and Mrs. Inman, who is a very old lady and cannot get along without the use of her spectacles which were made specially for her, was asked by Elliott to get him a drink of water The old lady went into a rear room to get the water and and while she was gone Elliott stole the specs off the show case where they had been left temporarily by the owner. They were not missed until after the thief left. He will be held for larceny.

A Polish Jew peddler is to have a hearing in court for disorderly conduct.

TURKEY FEAST FOR FIREMEN.

Business Men Chip in to Give the Faithful Men a Spread

Saturday evening the firemen at No 1 and No 2 hose houses had a fine holiday feast, served in good style and a number of invited friends assisted the firemen in putting away the good things. Fortunately there was no fire alarm to answer and consequently the festivities were undisturbed.

Early Saturday morning the B. Stine Clothing company, appreciating the faithful services of the firemen, and wishing to send joy to their hearts, sent a big turkey to the No 1 crew and two turkeys to the No 2 boys with the holiday compliments of the firm. Accompanying the turkeys were oysters for filling and cranberries on the side. Other friends heard of the turkey donation and they contributed in various ways to make the evening spread complete.

For the No. 1 crew the Henry Bros. cooked the turkey to a turn and the oysters and cranberries were prepared by N. B. Mayer at the Star restaurant. The spread was O. K. in all respects. Those who feasted were Captain Sam Morthland, John Duffey, James Park, S. M. Martin, Frank Keith, William Gabbert, W. F. Ferris, E W. Bokman, A. Lynch, John Morthland and others.

The party at the No. 2 house included Chief Devore, Howard Williams, Captain Platt, Silas Lowry, Will Platt, Wesley Owens, Will Sohlem, Tom Enlows, Abe Enlows, Louis Bickes, James Boyles, Clint Culp, Ed Wilkins, Fred Smith, W. H. Slator, Frank Ferris, Frank Sibley, Bob Foster, Al Spiller, William Dodson, Charles Custer of Chicago, Gentry Osborne of Camorgo, Clay Dempsey, Mr. Owens, Rev. M. B. Spayd and son and Dr. S. H. Swain. The contributors for the feast were Kipp & Hamer, Koss Bros., E. A. Stevens & Bro., Mrs. E. J. Wilkins, Mrs. Thomas Flynn and Mrs. James Bolyes.

Musical New Year's Night.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the A. M. E. church New Year's night for the purpose of showing the practical results of the education of the younger generation of colored people. It is intended to demonstrate that they have taken advantage of the facilities for musical and literary culture that they have enjoyed.

The principal attraction, it is announced, will be the appearance of Miss A. B. Wilkinson, a young elocutionist of St. Louis. She will give two numbers The accompanist of the evening will be Miss Ella May Wilson, a graduate of the Wesleyan musical conservatory.

Included in the selections on the program are "The Flower Song," an instrumental duet for piano and flute; "The Flower Land," a mixed quartet; an original New Year ode written by Dr. M. A. Majors and recitations.

Those who will appear on the program are as follows: Rev. P. C. Cooper, Miss Ella May Wilson, Dr. M. A. Majors, Mrs. Minerva Rogan, Miss A. B. Wilkinson of St. Louis, Miss Ruth Valentine, Miss Julia E. Smith, Miss V. Goodloe.

Wedding To-Night.

Vice President Stevenson and family are at St. Louis today to attend the marriage tonight of Mr. Carl Vrooman of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Julia Scott, a niece of Mr. Stevenson. The bride will be given to the groom by Mr. Stevenson.

Death of Mrs Drury.

Mrs. Nellie Penelope Drury died at her home in Forsyth Saturday, Dec. 26, of la grippe. She was 78 years old and had been a resident of Macon county for nearly fifty years. She leaves four children, Mrs. Priscilla Duncan of Decatur, Dr. G. W. Drury of Forsyth, Charles Drury of Decatur, and Josiah Drury of Clay Center, Kan. The funeral was held from the M. E. church at Forsyth at 1 p. m. Sunday. Interment was at Boiling Springs.

Endowment Rank Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of section 184, Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, connected with Coeur de Leon lodge, No. 17, was held at 125 South Water street, Saturday evening, when the usual routine business was transacted. W. P. Shade was elected president; W. J. Hamilton vice president, and J. J. H. Young secretary and treasurer. Five new members of the section were enrolled and the section starts in with new year with twenty-six members all carrying insurance to the amount of $50,000. It is expected that during the coming year the membership will be greatly increased.

Birthday Reception To-Night.

This evening at their large room in Masonic Temple the Order of the Eastern Star will give a birthday reception. It promises to be one of the most entertaining gatherings ever given by the lodge With each invitation sent out was a little silk sack and the guest is invited to enclose in it as many pennies as he is years old and to either bring or send it back. The reception will be from 7 30 until 11 o'clock and during that time the following program will be rendered:

Piano Solo—Mrs. Harry Starr.
Prayer—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.
Musical Glasses—Will L. Smith.
Violin Solo—Miss Celeste Hoffman.
Recitation, "Hiawatha" by request—Mrs. Alma Morgan Kinney.
Vocal Solo—R. W. Chilson.
Floral Addonda March.
Characters—Misses Adams, Hoffman, Buckingham, Johnson, Wood, Mesdames Shultz, Lee, Claray, Castle, Ferguson, Hanks
Duet, "Ruth and Naomi"—Mesdames Patterson and Donahue.

Losses in Railway Earnings

The aggregate of gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for the first half of December or a part thereof is $12,017,126, a decrease of 4 5 per cent, compared with last year and of 11.4 per cent compared with the corresponding time of 1892, the latest period of ordinary business prosperity with which comparisons can now be made. Of sections of the country in which representative roads have reported, western roads make the most favorable showing. Southern and southwestern roads report a small loss. In the other groups reports are as yet incomplete. All classes of roads report a decrease compared with both years with which comparison is made. Traffic on all roads has been far from satisfactory for several months, and as yet there is little indication of improvement, but the heavy losses in gross earnings reported by many roads are not entirely due to the loss of traffic. The falling off in traffic has been greatest in the high class freights and the loss in gross earnings is consequently relatively larger than the loss in traffic.

The Vandalia's Troubles.

A railway official is quoted by the Pittsburg Post as saying when speaking of the situation with the Vandalia: "To those who understand the circumstances which surround the Vandalia the many rumors in circulation sound like nonsense. The receiver may be arrogant for awhile, but he can not afford to ignore the Pennsylvania, because that company has the power to force the road to come to terms or go to the wall. Without a traffic agreement with the Pennsylvania the Vandalia would be a worthless piece of property, and as the Pennsylvania owns a controlling interest in the main line between Indianapolis and St. Louis any litigation which would force the case to a conclusion would inevitably result in a dissolution of the Vandalia organization with the result that the Pennsylvania people would get the main line, in the end The talk about all the transportation officials appointed by the Pennsylvania company being let go or their wages scaled down is mere bosh, and time will demonstrate that the Vandalia stockholders who are in conflict with the Pennsylvania are not exercising the good judgment which their interest in the property would demand. The Vandalia has had quite a stormy career, and there are those in whose minds still lingers the recollection of how Napoleon Ives took possession of the road for awhile and created consternation by his attempt to shut the Pennsylvania out. The Pennsylvania is of course taking advantage of ever circumstance to secure that part of the road in which they are interested and to lop off the non-paying branches, and the Vandalia stockholders who want the main line to be bled to death to pay dividends or keep down the expenses of the profitless branches are fighting the operating company with the above object in view. It will prove an interesting fight, but if protracted may eventually result in the wrecking of the Vandalia system."

DECATUR LADY MINSTRELS

Will Make Their First Appearance To-Night at the Grand.

The Decatur lady minstrels will make their first appearance at the Grand opera house, Decatur, Dec. 28.

Many of the best musical people of this city will take part. Witty jokes, fresh, home grown, sparkling with pleasant surprises and funny situations, with many musical numbers and specialties will make up the program.

The program itself will be interesting. On it appear such names as Miss Julia Juniper, Mrs. Lulu Lovekin-White, Miss Pearline Parkah, Miss Chloe Cullpepper, Mrs. Julius Caesar Jumper. Miss Topsy Golightly, and others equally as unique.

The entertainment will open with an overture by the opera house orchestra, the music being composed by Prof. Robert Walter especially for this occasion. Then will follow the typical minstrel first part, including several solos, "The Kentucky Babe," "Glory Lan'," "Old Kentucky Home," "Leader of Company B," and others to say nothing of songs by the end men and jokes, and so on.

The second part will include a banjo solo by Miss Topsy Golightly, a quartet, a sermon by the relict of Lamentations of Jeremiah Jones, a pickaninny dance, a solo and a grand cake walk.

The ladies taking part in the entertainment are:

Mesdames T. T. Roberts, W. F. Busher, W. T. Wells, B. O. McReynolds, E. D Bartholomew, F. R. Howard, V. O. Hatch, J. F Bering, W. M Catto, L. Burrows, F. P. Roach, J. M. Maris, W. J. Quinlan, S. P. Young, A. T. Hill, A. Barnes, C. G. Powers, Oher, Hostetler, Stoner, Will Barnes, Hollman, Buxn, Mueller, Myers. Misses Howard, Bering, Race, Burrows, Scruggs, Gorin, Roberts, Roach, Bartholomew, Montgomery, Young, Powers, Hays, Crea, Ullrich, Myers, L. Cassell, Pahmeyer, King, Voorhies, Lytle, Harris, Clark.

As this entertainment is for the Anna B. Millikin home, a public charity that Decatur should support, the ladies feel that they should have an overflowing house.

Sales of Real Estate.

C E Schroll to Huff Bros Lumber company, lot 6 in block 3 of Powers' First addition; $1.

Charles Randall to M. Elson, lot 16 in block 3 of East Park Boulevard, $1.

Nelson F. Brown to John P. Faris and J. W. Cannon, lot 2 (65 39 acres) in the northeast quarter of 3, 15, 1 east, and the west half of lot 1 (40 acres) in the northwest quarter of 3, 15, 1 east, $10,800.

Broke His Thigh.

The 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bourne, living on East Hickory street, met with an accident Saturday night. With some other children the child was playing "see saw." The boy at one end of the board jumped off and a large sledge hammer which has been used as balance fell on the Bourne child and broke his right thigh Dr. H. C. Jones was called to render surgical attention.

"Poor Maud."

This forenoon nearly all of the Christmas decorations were taken out of the store windows "Poor Maud" and old Santa have disappeared from the display at the Linn & Scruggs store, and it is supposed that the little girl in her nighty kneeling at the side of her couch has been put to bed to get a rest.

My Dear Good Friends,

Be sure and order your New Year's dinner in ample time as the following commodities will be very scarce. Ducks, geese and turkeys, game, mallard, teal, butter ball ducks, squirrel, snipe and all other seasonable wild game. Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.

Married.

At the United Brethren parsonage by Rev. Mr. Spayd, on Dec. 26, G. W. Gilberson and Miss Iona Wilson. The couple will reside on West King street.

Cut Glass.

We are going to sell what cut glass we have left at prices that will please you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 436. M. F. Metz.—21 dtf

Allen Neukirk, a farmer residing five miles east of Pekin, fell from a load of hay and broke a collar bone.

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ZERTUCHA A TRAITOR.

Only Other Surviving Witness Describes the Death of Maceo.

New York, Dec. 28.—A letter was received on Friday by a man in this city prominently connected with the Cuban junta, which shows Dr. Maximo Zertucha, accused of having betrayed General Maceo, in a worse light than any even in which he has ever before appeared.

The letter was written by one of General Maceo's aids, who positively declares that Zertucha was not only directly responsible for Maceo's death, but that he had for months been giving information to Spanish officials which resulted in the butchery of hundreds of wounded patriot soldiers.

Zertucha is charged with having revealed to Captain General Weyler and his subordinates the positions of many of the hospitals established in hidden nooks. Without such information the royal troops could never have discovered their location. Acting on this traitorous information Spanish troops swept down upon the defenseless inmates and have butchered them like sheep.

Zertucha, says the writer of the letter quoted, was in every way a traitor. Every possible bit of news concerning the great leader's movements or plans that he could secure he forwarded to the nearest Spanish commander. With Major Cirujeta, who commanded the soldiers who killed Maceo, Zertucha is charged with having been in communication for nearly a year.

Concerning the manner in which Maceo met his death, Maceo's aid tells a story which gives the lie to Zertucha. It shows that the plan to assassinate Maceo had been mapped out with extraordinary care.

On the day Maceo was killed, says the aid, General Maceo with Dr. Zertucha and five aids, of whom young Gomez and he were two, were riding along near Punta Brava a little in advance of a small Cuban force. Some firing was heard near by, and Maceo expressed a desire to know what it might mean.

Zertucha, who had ridden off to one side of the road a few moments before, at this moment came galloping back and cried out:

"Come with me; come with me; quick; quick."

Maceo at once put spurs to his horse, and followed by his aids, rode swiftly after the physician, who plunged into the thick undergrowth. The party had ridden only a few hundred yards when Zertucha suddenly bent low in his saddle, swerved sharply to one side, and galloped away. At the same moment a volley was fired by a party of Spanish soldiers hidden in the underbrush and Maceo and four of his aids dropped out of their saddles mortally wounded.

The single survivor—the writer quoted here—managed to make his way back to his own men and brought them up to the spot of the tragedy. The dead bodies of Maceo and Gomez and three other aids still lay on the ground. The Spaniards had disappeared. Zertucha had disappeared.

The bodies were removed to a place of safety and were all buried with military honors in a place well known to Cubans. A full report of the whole affair was sent to General Gomez.

That Captain General Weyler knew of the plan to assassinate Maceo, the Cuban writer affirms, is shown by the fact that for days before the murder occurred all persons were prevented by his orders from going anywhere near the spot where it was committed. No one else but Zertucha was to be permitted to escape.

All the published reports concerning alleged jealousy existing between Generals Maceo and Gomez, asserts the writer, were absolutely false. Both men had been working in the most positive harmony up to the time of Maceo's death. General Gomez has abundant material in the way of men, stores, and ammunition. The writer denounces Dr. Zertucha as a traitor of the blackest stamp, and hopes that some day full justice may be meted out to him.

Cocaine Habit in Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28.—The cocaine habit has taken such a hold on the residents of Manchester that steps are being taken to obtain legislative restriction on the sale of the drug. The evil had its inception when a local druggist a year ago made a preparation of cocaine and menthol which could be used as a snuff. It was intended as a specific for asthma, and now hundreds of persons have become slaves to the stuff. One prominent druggist said last night that while he had made a lot of money on the sale of the compound he was one of the prime movers in trying to check the evil habit. The persons affected with this vicious habit can be seen on the streets at night "pinching," as it is called, and at almost any public entertainment they can be seen getting in a dark corner, where they can enjoy a good "pinch." As a rule, they are three or four together, and they all have their turn at treating.

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DEATH OF O. E. HILL

Was Run Over by a Train Last Wednesday in This City.

ACCIDENT COST HIM HIS LIFE.

Was a Brakeman on the Illinois Central and was One of the Old Employes of the Road—Inquest will be Held.

Brakeman O. E. Hill, better known as "Shorty" Hill, an Illinois Central brakeman, died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock as a result of injuries he received when run over by a train last Thursday morning. Hill was coming through Decatur on the second section of train No. 171. The train was being switched around the yards and Hill was walking on the top of the cars. He slipped on some ice and fell between two cars. He attempted to crawl out but the wheels passed over his right leg and mashed it so badly that it was necessary to amputate it just below the knee. He was taken to the hospital and given every attention but he never fully rallied from the result of the accident and died after three days' suffering.

Hill's home was in Pennsylvania where his father is now living, but he has been residing at Clinton. He was 32 years old and unmarried. He has been in the railroad business for seventeen years and was well known and liked by many of the railroad men of this city. After the accident happened the sister at the hospital wrote to Hill's parents in Pennsylvania, informing them of his injuries but up to the time of his death no answer had been received.

Coroner Hendure will hold an inquest today. The body was taken to Bullard's undertaking rooms and will probably be sent to Pennsylvania for burial but no definite arrangements have yet been made.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Disposition of a Number of Foreclosure Cases—Receivers Appointed.

In the circuit court this forenoon the only cases to receive attention were those on the chancery docket. In the foreclosure case of the Lyon Lumber company against Frank P. Reddy and others. I. R. Mills and W. C. Johns were opposing attorneys on exceptions to the report of the master.

Chancery Docket.

Decatur Lumber and Mfg. Co. vs Myra Misenhelter et al, foreclosure; master's report of sale approved and receiver discharged.

Frederick W. Pifer vs John W. Caskey et al, foreclosure; master reported $834.70 due complainant on the original bill; due complainant on cross bill $1348.36; receiver appointed.

W. J. Pegram vs D. W. Whitehead et al, foreclosure; master's report of sale approved.

People's Savings and Loan association vs F. P. Reddy et al, foreclosure, master's report of sale approved; deficit $92.47.

F. W. Caldwell vs J. S. Thayer et al, foreclosure; master's report of sale approved.

Same vs A. D. Risley et al, foreclosure; same entry as above.

Silas Packard vs M. Eichinger et al, foreclosure; motion to vacate decree withdrawn and case dismissed without prejudice.

A. T. Risley vs Minerva J. Saulman et al, foreclosure; master's report adopted; amount due complainant, $45.70.

Barbara Kern vs M. A. Wolf et al; foreclosure; master's report of sale approved.

Maggie M. Cobb vs Eliza A. Montgomery et al; foreclosure; same entry.

Elizabeth Putnam vs B. M. Brookshier et al, foreclosure; same entry.

Hiram Johnson vs D. F. Smith et al, foreclosure; same entry.

John A. Brown vs Louis M. Seaton et al, foreclosure; master's report approved; decree for $625.98; Hiram Johnson appointed receiver.

Other Cases.

The Race-Jack case and the Garver case are to receive attention this week.

The Note Case

Judge Vail gave his decision in the promissory note case. A party had made a note in favor of A. T. Summers. He sold the note and endorsed it. A Mr. Wheeler bought the note. It fell due and was not paid. There was no demand made on the maker of the note when it fell due and the endorser was not notified. Wheeler brought suit against the maker of the note and Summers. The latter contended that under recent enactment of the legislature prompt demand should have first been made upon the maker of the note for payment and that in case of failure to pay, the endorser should have been notified. Judge Vail decided that under the circumstances Summers was not liable and he decided in favor of the defendant.

Judge Starr has rendered his decision in the Bradley high school litigation at Kankakee. He finds the election of the members of the board of education to be valid and dismisses the quo warranto proceedings against them.

Peter McQueen, in the employ of the Halberstadt mill at Urbana, broke his left arm and dislocated his elbow.

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Ted Kennedy, inventor of the base ball mask, is in jail at Peoria charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses. He was managing the New York Fur company.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Edward Gleason, of Champaign, was thrown from a buggy and very seriously injured.

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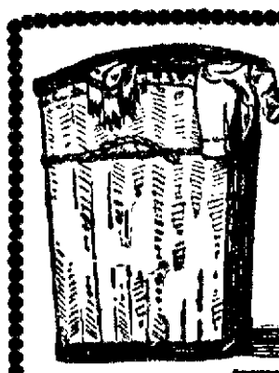

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Broken Java Coffee, per lb	14c	3-lb. can Table Peaches..	11c
15-pound Pail Jelly	40c	3-lb. can Table Pears.....	11c
5-pound pail Jelly.....	18c	3-lb. can Table Apricots..	11c
2-gal pail White Table Syrup.....	50c	1 gal. Cider Vinegar....	12c
15c bottle Catsup.....	9c	10-lb. sack Corn Meal....	7c
3 pound can Tomatoes ..	7c	1 lb. New Prunes.....	6c
2 lb can Red Kidney Beans	5c	2-lb can Early June Peas	7c
2 lb. can String Beans...	5c	A good Broom.....	9c
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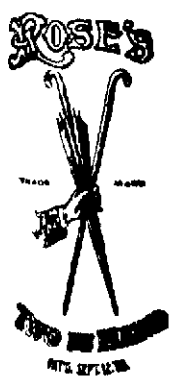

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DECATUR, ILL.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Bell is visiting friends in southern Illinois.

James Lichtenberger, of Maroa, was in the city today on business.

Mr. George Goodman, who was taken suddenly ill last week, is some better.

Attorney W. H. Black, who has been visiting friends at Urbana, Ill., returned home to-day.

Misses Stella and Laura Jenkins are at Taylorville visiting their uncle, Jas. Plowman.

Joe Housum, who has been spending his vacation in the city, returned this morning to Chicago.

J. R. Honnold, of Kansas, Ill., who has been in the city visiting L. C. Fell and family, has returned to his home.

W. T. Irwin and wife and son, who have been in the city visiting Mrs. E. W. Anderson, have returned to their home in Chicago.

Attorney and Mrs. J. M. Gray, who have been visiting relatives at Bunker Hill, Ill., for the past few days, arrived home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Colladay, of Chicago, are in the city on a visit to Mrs. Colladay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoehn, 612 West Macon street.

Miss Mina Nicholson, who has been studying music with Mrs. Nellis at Chicago, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. P. Nicholson.

T. N. T. Norton, editor of the Alton Daily Republican, paid this office a call today to have a look at the Thorne typesetting machine and to learn details as to the operation of the device.

H. H. Van Brunt, of Council Bluffs, one of the heaviest jobbers in agricultural implements in the west, was in the city Saturday calling on the C., B. & Q company and at Tait & Co's. His stay in Decatur was made quite pleasant by business acquaintances. He left for Cincinnati on the night train.

RUN ON A CHICAGO BANK

The Dime Savings Institution Preparing to Liquidate in Full.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—In pursuance of an agreement among the directors of the Dime Savings bank, who held a secret session this morning, a general meeting of the directors was called for this afternoon. Treasurer Reed's window was barricaded. Payment was suspended under the ninety day withdrawal notice clause granted by states to savings bank. Simultaneously with the announcement of the Atlas bank liquidation this morning attention was drawn to the Dime Savings accounts with respect to the directors and those governing the institution. President Grannis of the Atlas National bank is vice president of the Dime Savings and several directors; the former are also directors of the Dime Savings bank.

Treasurer Reed declined to say anything as to to the state of affairs in advance of the directors' meeting. A majority of depositors have already filed withdrawal notices. There was a steady stream of depositors during the banking hours. They were assured by issuing notices that there was no indication of the bank's inability to meet demands for money, but simply acted for self protection against violent flurries. Nearly all the depositors are laboring people.

A Business Bomb Shell.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—The business world was somewhat agitated Saturday when by virtue of an execution for $4460 in favor of a former partner, the grocery establishment of Walter Fristoe was closed by the sheriff. V. H. Chronister of Decatur who held the judgment which had been obtained in Taylorville, Christian county, and who, it is said, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Fristoe, was present, accompanied by an attorney from Decatur, C. C. Lefergeo. Then followed an assignment to a young lawyer in this city, the papers being filed in the county court about noon, in which Mr. Fristoe schedules liabilities amounting to $10,700, with assets which he claims will amount to $9000. While the stock is large one and in good condition, it is not believed that the creditors will receive more than 25 cents outside of the claim of Chronister, who, by his judgment obtained in November last, under which levy was made, will be paid in full, as his lien existed before the assignment had been made. The keys as yet, however, rest with the sheriff. Many and conflicting are the rumors flying about the town. Mutterings and suggestions of rottenness are rife, and in all probability the end is not yet.

Failure at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—The Scandia bank, one of the smaller institutions of the city, suspended today on account of a big load of real estate on which it could not realize.

Boat Burned.

New York, Dec. 28.—The large double deck ferry boat owned by the Pennsylvania Railway Co., was burned today; loss $120,000.

New upright pianos $225, $250, $275 and $300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for $185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—dec7-dtf

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—The late Judge Ira C. Parker, of Fort Smith, who had the sad distinction of having sentenced more murderers to death than any other judge in our history, was personally one of the gentlest and kindest-hearted of men.

—Talleyrand never was in love but once, and that was when he was about 16 years old. When Napoleon ordered him to marry and picked out a wife for him he pleaded his youthful attachment, which was immediately scoffed at by the great matchmaker as a piece of nonsense.

—W. Lewis Fraser, the art manager of the Century Magazine, made his start in life in Canada. He had a shop for curios in Montreal, and first came to fame through the Marchioness of Lorne, who gave him a commission to decorate several rooms in the castle. For the last 15 years he has lived in New York city.

—Popularity proved too much for a Canadian widow, Mrs. Nettie Thompson, living at Erinsville, near Kingston, and she threw herself into Beaver lake to escape the many wooers who sought her hand within a year of her husband's death. Her brother-in-law rescued her, and when she had time to think it over she regretted her precipitancy.

—Hugh Nicholson has come over from England to further the vogue of miniature painting in the interest of the London Society of Miniature Painters, of which he is a member. This is the first society of the kind, and it was organized because this class of painters felt that they had no fair show in the Royal academy exhibitions. They were allowed to exhibit about 300 portraits along with the 2,000 or 2,500 other works, but it does not suit them. They insist on separate shows and have organized for the purpose of holding them.

—The czar of Russia has four separate "services" of horses and carriages—namely, the Russian, French, English and gala sets. Each set comprises at least 50 horses. The Russian set accompanies the emperor wherever he goes, and at Gatchina it is used, together with the English set. The gala and French horses and carriages are housed at St. Petersburg in the Winter palace stables. The emperor's gala turnout consists of 50 Hanoverian horses. These horses are perfectly white, with blue eyes, and anything more magnificent in the way of trappings than their harnesses can hardly be conceived.

Gov.-elect G. W. Atkinson, of West Virginia, is thus described in the Washington Post: "'Wes' Atkinson, as his friends call him, is one of the best-liked men of the Mountain state, of which he is a native. Born in the city of Charlestown 49 years ago, he passed his younger days in editing a newspaper and practicing law at the same time. When he forsook journalism entirely for the bar he moved to Wheeling, where he built up a paying practice, that was interrupted for a little while by his election to the Fifty-first congress. Gov. Atkinson had no desire for a continuation of his career as a representative, and regards congressional life as utterly without attraction.

COPPER FROM GREEN WATER.

The Outflow from the Anaconda Mine Found to Be a Bonanza.

One of the most interesting sights in the great mining town of Butte is the process by which copper is caught from the emerald-colored water that flows from the Anaconda and St. Lawrence mines. It is estimated that this water, which for four or five years went to waste, is now bringing the Anaconda company $30,000 a month, at a cost of about $1,000 a month.

It is only within the present year that the company undertook to handle this water. Heretofore it was worked under lease. An old German named Mueller was the first man to save copper from the water.

During the last three years Thomas Ledford had a lease on the water. He paid a 25 per cent. royalty to the company. It is claimed that he realized at least $100,000 a year from the water. Ledford is a pretty rich man to-day. Now that the company is operating the water on its own account, it has discovered what a great money-making enterprise it is.

At the present time several acres of ground are covered with wooden vats. These are filled with all the old scrap iron they can hold. It has proved a splendid scheme for disposing of the tons and tons of old iron the company has accumulated for years. Old hoisting cages, water pipe, wheelbarrows, railroad iron, in fact, any old thing that consists of tin or iron is appropriated to this service.

It is said for every pound of iron put into a vat, a pound of copper is produced. Where the water first attacks the iron, the copper absorbs the iron completely within three weeks. After the precipitation is effected the water is drawn off and the slimy copper is transferred to another tank where the water is further drained off. These latter vats hold about 15 tons of the copper which now has the appearance of a clayish substance. This is sacked into packages of about 100 pounds. When in this shape it is sent to the smelters in this city. The product carries an average of 86 per cent. pure copper. The iron remaining in it makes a fine flux, and when mixed with other smelting ore, it is said to bring the ore up to a value of about $300 a ton.

The water from the mines is the most profitable product of the Anaconda Copper Mining company.—Anaconda (Mont.) Recorder.

A Better Term.

"I do like to ustulate," said one bicycle rider to another.

"Ustulate?" was the reply. "What is that?"

"Ustulate means to scorch, you know, but scorch is such a slangy word."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

LUTHER LAFLIN MILLS' JOKE.

How He Covered a St. Paul Man with Confusion.

Luther Laflin Mills, the Chicago lawyer, on returning from a trip abroad, was thrown much in company with a prominent attorney of St. Paul, a man who was keen of wit, brilliant as an orator and unquestionably well read.

On the Fourth of July the steamer was in midocean and the captain of the steamer called upon his American passengers for a programme of exercises appropriate for the day. The St. Paul attorney was prevailed upon to deliver the oration of the day, and consented to do so. On the night of the 3d the St. Paul man, in company with several others, played poker all night, and by 11 o'clock the next day was considerably the worse for wear. He imagined the steamer was rolling in the trough of the sea, whereas the innocent vessel was gliding along in smooth water.

Mr. Mills was aware that there were several Englishmen on board the vessel, and not wishing the ceremonies to be marred by any untoward incident he went to the St. Paul man and implored him to go to his berth and take a nap so as to be in condition to deliver his address. The St. Paul man consented and took a two-hour nap, which restored him to his senses. Then he sat down in his cabin and wrote his address. When he had finished he called to Mills to read it over and see how it sounded. Mr Mills was charmed with the speech.

It was really an excellent thing, and Mills figured that it would make a decided hit. The phraseology was faultless, the sentiments sublime and patriotic to a degree. There was one sentence in the speech which the attorney did not like, and he asked Mr. Mills to correct it. Mr. Mills did so by adding a single word in his own handwriting. The meeting was duly called, and the opening services were splendid. Then arose the St. Paul man to deliver his speech.

He got along well in the opening sentences and was creating a profound impression, when he came to the word which Mr. Mills had interlined. He paused, studied over it, turned the paper sideways, up and down, in and out, until broad smiles began to play on the faces of the people collected around the cabin table. Finally, noticing the smiles and becoming exasperated, the attorney walked around to where Mr. Mills was sitting, and pointing to the offending paragraph exclaimed, in a voice of disgust:

"What on thunder is that word?"

The explosion that followed was terrific. Everybody thought then that Mr. Mills wrote the speech, and the patriotic affair ended in a big laugh. Mills tells it now as one of his prize stories, but it is doubtful if the St. Paul man had ever heard of it before in his bailiwick.—St. Paul Dispatch.

ALLUS JIM'S WAY.

Farmer Receives the News of His Brother's Death Without Surprise.

A short time ago I was deputed to bear the news of the death of a friend to his brother, who was a farmer in a rural district. I drove there in a wagon, and found him busy with his farm duties. The task of breaking the news was by no means pleasant to me, but I managed to explain my errand to him and told him that the funeral would be the next day.

He did not give vent to any remarkable expression of grief, as I had expected, but simply said: "Wall, I swan!"

Whether this is the proper thing to say upon learning of the death of a relative in the country I could not say but I offered my sympathies to the man and said that I hoped he would come to the funeral.

"Yas," said he, "but thet is jist what the trouble is. Ye see, thar is thet hull field of corn ter be got in, a hull field ter be plowed 'n like's not I'll be called on to 'tend a haskin' bee over ter Hiram Field's ter-morrer night. But I am'l much surprised. That war allus Jim's way. Allus so queer. Never given any warnin' 'bout what he's goin' ter do and then doin' it quick and suddint like. No I dunno 'bout goin' ter the funeral, but ef yer was ter wait a few minutes till I ask maw, why, then mebbe I can let yer know."

I said that I would, and he started toward the house. In a short time I saw him emerge again and come toward me. When he arrived he said: "Wall, I guess I can manage ter come ter-morrer. Maw, she says as how there is a powerful sight ter be done, but then it don't seem ter her as quite right fer me notter go ter my own brother's funeral. So ye can tell them down thar thet I'll be thar ef it don't rain."

I told him that I would, and bade him good-by. The last thing I heard him say as I drove off down the road was: "Tell them I'll be thar ef it don't rain."—N. Y. Journal.

Outwitting a Judge.

A strange story is related of a juryman who outwitted a judge and that without lying. He ran into court in a desperate hurry, and quite out of breath and exclaimed:

"Oh!! judge, if you can, pray excuse me. I don't know which will die first, my wife or my daughter."

"Dear me, that's sad," said the innocent judge. "Certainly, you are excused."

The next day the juryman was met by a friend, who, in a sympathetic voice, asked:

"How is your wife?"

"She's all right, thank you."

"And your daughter?"

"She's all right, too. Why do you ask?"

"Why, yesterday you said you did not know which would die first."

"Nor do I. That is the problem which time alone can solve."—Twinkles.

That's What Worried Him.

Dombey—When your wife gets angry won't she speak to you?

Capt. Cuttle—She won't do anything else.—Tit-Bits.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28, 1896.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December.....	—	—	—	78⅛
May.....	82⅛	82⅝	81⅞	82
Corn—				
December.....	23	23	22⅞	22⅞
May.....	25⅝	25¼	25⅛	25⅝
Oats—				
December.....	—	—	—	16⅛
May.....	20	20⅛	19⅞	19⅞
Pork—				
January.....	7 60	7 62½	7.60	7.60
May.....	—	—	—	—
Lard—				
January.....	3 80	3 82	3 77½	3 80
May.....	—	—	—	—
Ribs—				
January.....	3 80	3 80	3 80	3 80
May.....	—	—	—	—

May wheat: puts, 81⅛c; calls, 82⅛c, curb 82.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—97. Estimated, 31. Year ago, 108.

Corn—428; Estimated, 324; a year ago, 307.

Oats—428; Estimated, 376, a year ago, 147.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 30, Corn, 335, oats, 375.

Hog receipts 25,000; estimated —— Market 5c to 10c higher.

Light, $3 30@3 55, Mixed $3 25@3 60; Heavy $3.25@3 40; Rough $3 20@3 20

Estimated for to-morrow, 26,000.

Cattle receipts 23,000; market 10c lower.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Wheat, cash, No. 2, 91c; May, 91⅝c, Corn, cash, 20⅝c, May, 21⅛; Oats, cash, 16c, May, —.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Wheat, May, 86⅛c. Corn May, 31⅝; Oats, May, 24⅛c.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Dec. 28.—Corn, steady, No. 2 white, 20½c; oats, easy, No. 2, white, 18@20c; Rye, 35c.

H. H. Evans, living two miles west of Rantoul, sold to Walter Ervingston a 20-months-old hog that weighed 660 pounds, and Henry Hammel, living near Thomasboro, has a hog not two years old that weighs 850 pounds.

About the Eye.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, catarrh or otherwise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonfull of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

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William A. Connelly, of Danville, will be presented to the general assembly of League of American Wheelmen at Albany in February as the candidate for Illinois for the presidency of the organization.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every grippe germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure.

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The First Congregational church at Pana has extended a call to Rev. William C. North, of Roberts, to succeed Rev. J. E. Arney, who goes to Otsego, Mich. Rev. Mr. North has accepted.

Dr L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old Cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

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Rev. B. F. Ashley, former pastor of the Baptist church at Kankakee, has become an author of established reputation. His boys' books are widely advertised as classics. He lives in Cleveland.

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George A. Thompson, who was formerly a farm hand for F. M. Curtis at Catlin, was found murdered in a lumber yard in Toledo, Ohio. He was aged 44 years and had served in the United States army.

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One Phase of City Life About the County Coroner's Office.

Almost any time or any day there can be seen an odd-looking collection of men standing about the entrance to and in the office of the Cook county coroner. They look like vultures waiting for their prey. They have a greedy and hungry appearance, and if watched closely can be seen to cast fitful and suspicious glances at their neighbors. For the most part they are poorly dressed though some among them show signs of having been in better circumstances.

The idea of vultures is not so very far from right, for these men are really waiting for dead bodies. They are waiting for some poor victim to fall into the hands of the coroner, that they may get a chance to sit on the coroner's jury. Among this lot of regular hangers-on is one man who shows plainly that he has been driven to this sort of life by sheer distress. Indeed, there is more than one well known and respectable citizen of Chicago who, not so very long ago, was glad to associate with this man and call him his friend. But for some years past he has been going down the scale of life. From a prosperous business man he has become a companion of ghouls, waiting, perhaps, for misfortune to come to some poor fellow creature, that he may gain enough to buy a glass of whisky, and after that perhaps a bowl of soup.

It was family troubles that first sent this poor man on the downward road. He took to drink to drown his sorrow, and now all he craves is enough money each day to buy liquor and food sufficient to barely sustain life.

The fee for coroner jury service is $1.50, and if the juror got it all and had but one chance a day he would consider himself pretty lucky. But he does not get the whole of the fee. That is to say, the necessities of his condition compel him to discount his voucher at once, and there are some among the deputy coroners who have no compunctions about playing Shylock. The usual discount on one of these vouchers is 60 per cent., something over half, but the poor fellows are glad enough to get 40 cents cash down, for that is sustenance for them for a day.

But does the deputy coroner have to wait for the county treasurer to pay him the dollar? Oh, no! In the near vicinity of the county building there is a saloon keeper who is willing to turn an honest penny made from selling whisky, and he gives the deputy 95 cents for the warrant, the deputy thus making 55 cents on the deal.

This may be a legitimate way to make money. At least it is made in this way by more than one of the deputies. There are some, however, who are above such a practice, and it is to be hoped that when George Berz enters upon his duties, being the coroner-elect, he will abolish the practice altogether.

He will certainly if he will take the trouble to watch this once happy and prosperous man and see him hustle after some deputy who may hastily leave the office to hold an inquest and note the eager, expectant and hungry look upon his face, mingled with the fear that some of his companions, who also follow the deputy, may be more successful than he.—Chicago Chronicle.

LIVES LOST ON THE LAKES.

Disasters of Last Season Much Below the Average of Previous Years.

Sixty-six lives were lost in navigating the great lakes during the season now closing. Compared with previous years this list is much below the average. There have been many storms, but owing in a large degree to good luck vessels have escaped. Even rotten old hulks have succeeded in dodging the storms, and coming into port time after time in safety. Another cause for the lessening of disasters is the improved construction of lake boats.

The most serious disaster was the wrecking of the schooner Waukesha off Muskegon on November 7, by which six lives were sacrificed by the disobedience of the crew, who let go the anchors when the boat was riding out a gale on a lee shore.

Next in point of numbers was the loss of the schooner Mary D. Ayer on May 17. The schooner Sumatra foundered off Milwaukee on September 4, carrying down four seamen. A boiler explosion on the Rhoda Stewart off Alpena ended three lives, and three were burned with the City of Kalamazoo on November 39. On July 9 the schooner Little Wissahickon went down, taking the captain and two of his crew. The captains of the Ayer and the Little Wissahickon endeavored to save their craft, but instead lost their lives.

Twenty-six sailors fell overboard and were drowned. Six fell through open hatches and were killed. One diver was suffocated when at work on the Cayuga. Miscellaneous causes make up the balance of the death list of 66.

But one passenger of the large number carried by lake steamers was lost. It will never be known whether this passenger fell overboard or committed suicide, but it is believed to be a case of suicide.—Chicago Tribune.

The Causes of Paralysis.

In a late number of a French medical journal a writer of note gives some facts on paralysis and its exciting causes which throw new light on the subject. He says that overexertion and inaction after a life of activity are the most prolific causes of this disease. In patients who have been busy during the greater part of their lifetime, and who, having made fortunes, retire to take life easily, paralysis is among the most hopeless of maladies to combat. Persons who are fairly active, without being subjected to undue mental or physical strain, are not likely to have paralysis. It is extremes of bodily or mental fatigue which are the predisposing causes.—N. Y. Ledger.

—Parcels can be sent from Paris to Japan and vice versa by post for three francs, in consequence of a recent convention between the two governments.

FIRST AMERICAN BOOKS.

Said to Have Been Pirated by English Booksellers and Sold.

It is a remarkable fact that in a year after the first printing press was established in Cambridge, Mass., or in 1640, a book was issued from it (the first publication in the United States) which was soon after reprinted in England, where it passed through 18 editions, the last being issued in 1784, thus maintaining a hold on English popularity for 114 years.

"This was the 'Bay Psalm Book.' It passed through 22 editions in Scotland, where it was extensively known, the last bearing date 1759; and it was printed without the compiler enjoying any pecuniary benefit from its sale. We have irrefutable proof that England pirated the first American book; being in reality the original transgressor in this line.

The first American book enjoyed a lasting reputation and had a wide circulation. It passed in all through 70 editions, a very remarkable number for the age in which it flourished.

Success attended the colonial press, and in 1663 the first Bible printed in America was published in Cambridge. It was unlawful to print an English version of the Scriptures, that right being a monopoly enjoyed by privilege and patent in England. The one printed in Massachusetts was Eliot's famous "Indian Bible," and although 1,500 copies were struck off they are quite rare, and "sealed books," as the tongue in which they are written is literally a dead language, the tribe and all who had a knowledge of the dialect being long extinct.

Eliot's work is unique, being at once a monument to his piety, perseverance and learning. Its literary successor was Newman's "Concordance of the Scriptures." This was compiled by the light of pine logs in a log cabin in one of the frontier settlements of Massachusetts.

It was the first of its kind, and for more than a century was admitted to be the most perfect, holding its place in public esteem until superseded by Cruden's, which it suggested. Worthington's Magazine.

Animal Instinct.

No one has ever been able to satisfactorily explain that wonderful trait in animals which we call instinct. A man who was on Rosehead lake with two companions in a snowstorm, on a sledge drawn by two horses, tells how the party owed their lives to animal instinct. For two hours the men drove around on the ice, and only when they had crossed their tracks twice did they acknowledge that they were lost. To stay out all night meant death, and no one could suggest a plan of escape until one of the men proposed to trust to the horses. So they gave the horses a loose rein, and they instantly turned to the left and started on a trot. All the men thought this direction would take them further out on the lake, but in half an hour the trees on shore loomed up, and in a few minutes more they were safe in their cabin.—Golden Days.

No Health There.

Mrs. De Fashion—So you were at Health Springs during the summer. How did you like it?

Mrs. De Style—Well, the place is pretty enough, but I didn't think much of the water. It didn't taste bad at all.—N. Y. Weekly.

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Peter McQueen, in the employ of the Halberstadt mill at Urbana, broke his left arm and dislocated his elbow.

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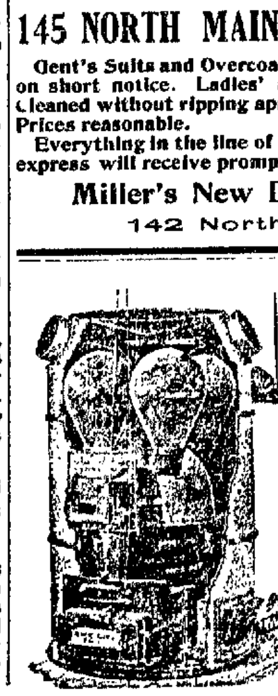

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SEEDS OF HEALTH.

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They go about their business without making any fuss. They are very gentle [in their] action and cause no griping, or other unpleasantness.

They do not take the place of Nature—they merely help her. No one ever becomes a slave to their use. When the digestive action becomes regular and vigorous, stop taking the "Pellets." When you have eaten too much—take one. When constipation shows itself and headache begins, take the "Pellets" for a day or two.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—it's an easy name to remember. Don't let a designing druggist talk you into "something just as good." He makes more money on the "just as good" kind. That's why he would rather sell them. That's why you had better not take them.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
117 South Water Street.
Apr [illegible] dtf

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 21 d&wtf

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones { Office, 272 / Res., 216 } Residence 1446 N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
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Book Binder.
[illegible] Book Binding and Blank Book [illegible] 127 South Water street, Decatur. Magazines bound, names stamped in books.

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
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T[elephone] Old 129, New 78, Residence, Old 306
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

PROFESSIONAL NURSE.
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[illegible] experience, best of references. [Terms] reasonable. Maternity nursing preferred.
[illegible] call or address No. 123 East Bradford St., Decatur, Ill. Nov. 21 d1mo*

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Gold Crowns, Logan Crowns, Richmond Crowns. Anything in the line of Dentistry.
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DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41
RESIDENCE 442 West Prairie Avenue.
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R. H. OLIPHANT,
No. 325 East Main Street.
New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and Express Line Combined.
CHAS. PERKINS
Will [cut your] hair for ... 15c
Will shave you for ... 10c
When you want a Wagon, ring up old phone 442

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P., D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Homeseekers' excursions to principal points in the west, south and southwest and southeast on November 17, December 1 and 15. One fare plus $2.00 round trip; tickets good twenty-one days. Stop-overs granted on going trip.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settler rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with the Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland Columbus and eastern points, at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

City ticket office removed from 110 Library block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. New 'phone No. 28; Old, No. 480; Union depot phone No. 47, New.

Call on or address W. L. Smith Union Depot, T. Penwell, 121 East William street.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

—The Cabby's Christening.—Parson—"What shall we call it?" Cabby (absent-mindedly)—"Oh, I leave that entirely to you, sir!"—London Figaro.

—"Lost people, they say, always walk in circles." "What's that for, I wonder?" "So that rescue parties can get on to their curves, I suppose."—Chicago Record.

—Brown—"I wonder why Painter was so angry when I asked him what school of art he belonged to?" Smith—"What school? That implies that he has something to learn."—Puck.

—"How is Dabbles getting along with his pictures?" asked the friend. "Splendidly," replied the cynic. "He's buying them instead of trying to paint them himself."—Washington Star.

—Forewarned.—"Don't ever tell Fizdetop that you haven't anything to read." "Why?" "If you do he will immediately lend you that book he wrote himself."—Chicago Tribune.

—Bilkins—"Brassey is a great golf enthusiast, isn't he?" Wilkins—"Bet he is. He spends ten minutes a week playing, and all the rest of his time talking about the game."—Boston Transcript.

—Little Mary was discovered one day by her mother vigorously applying the oil-can to the kitten's mouth. On being reproved she replied: "Why, mamma, kitty squeaks so awfully when I pull her tail."—Harper's Bazar.

—Reginald—"How stupid Miss Jenkins is! I took her into dinner the other night, and she never said a word." Jack—"You were in luck, old fellow. She wasn't nearly as stupid as she would have been if she had talked."—Harper's Bazar.

—Ethel—"And what did George say when he proposed?" Maud—"He said nothing; he started to say something, gasped, turned deathly pale and fainted away. Of course I knew what he meant—so when he came to, I told him he might ask papa." Ethel—"And then?" Maud—"Then poor George fainted away again."—London Figaro.

—He had listened to her upraidings for two hours by the downstairs clock. "My love," he said, mildly, "don't you think it is about time for you to adjourn sine die?" She knew her Cushing's Manual like a book. "I shall adjourn sine die presently," she coldly remarked, "and then—I will at once call an extra session." And the husband rolled over with a groan.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

UNEQUAL ANATOMY.

Strange Differences in the Eyes and Other Parts of the Body.

Some curious features are noted in the inequality in size and influence of corresponding parts of the human body. The ears on the same head are probably more alike than any other of the twin organs of the body. Nevertheless, they vary as regards thickness, length, shape and position most remarkably in different individuals. If the ear, however, on one side is delicate in size and contour, the other will be the same, while if the one looks like a [illegible] the other duplicates it in form and color. But with the eye it is different. To say nothing of the fact that one eye is generally more open than the other, all oculists agree that the cases where the seeing power of the two are equal in the same head are very rare. Usually men use the right eye the most. Watchmakers, engravers, microscopists and marksmen use the right eye. [illegible] apply their right eye to the instrument and generally overwork that organ. There is no good reason why both eyes should not be equally strong, but they are not. Tailors agree that the right shoulder is almost always lower than the left. This [illegible] account for by the universal habit [illegible] have of resting the left elbow on the desk while writing, and to the equally prevalent practice of those who carry heavy burdens resting them on the right shoulder.

As regards the arms and legs, there is generally but slight difference. In the size of the hands and feet there is commonly a great variation, and, curiously enough, while it is the right hand that is generally bigger, it is the left foot that often requires a larger sized boot or shoe. Glovemakers give the proportion of large right hands as 900 to 1,000, which, by the way, approximates to the proportion of right-handed persons in the community. The size of the hand is generally increased by labor. If ladies are to be trusted as to the size of the gloves they wear, the human hand has grown smaller within the last 20 years. But glovers tell a different story. They confess to making all ladies' gloves a half size smaller than they really are. This, they say, is because ladies almost invariably ask for a size smaller glove than they should wear.

There is nearly always a difference in the size of the hands. This is so marked that the glove that fits the right hand will wrinkle on the left, looking, in fact, too large. The left foot, as a rule, is the larger. While the right hand and arm are generally better developed and stronger, the opposite leg corresponds in those particulars. It is found that in athletic persons the advantage of strength is often with the left foot. That is the foot we habitually stand upon, and it is the left foot that leads off in the walking. A man uses the left foot most on the bicycle, and even more so in mounting a horse. While the constant use of the right hand is a matter of training (monkeys use both equally), the more frequent use of the left foot would seem to be a general habit, hence that foot is in many cases the stronger.—Albany Argus.

Relative Purity of Water.

Dr. Leffman's water classification, based on source, is: Rainwater (rain, dew, snow, etc., collected immediately upon falling), surface water (that from lakes, rivers, etc.), subsoil, or ground water (which percolates through the subsoil), and deep or artesian well water (separated from the ground water by one or more impervious strata).—Chicago Tribune.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED A good girl for general housework. References required. Address A. C. SOMERVILLE, 916 Lincoln avenue. Dec 8-dtf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—For spot cash, $250, you can get a fine building lot, very high ground, size 40x182, on North Union street. Only one left, don't all speak at once. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 13-dtf

FOR SALE—Here's something that will unlock your pocketbooks. Three fine lots, very high, on North Union street, size 40x182, $350 apiece, or $800 for all, one-half cash, balance on easy payments. Elegant building lots, new houses all around. Can use a good driving horse as part pay. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 13 dtf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—71 acres of land suitable for Poultry, Hog, Dairy or Garden farm, four miles from Decatur; good five room house, cellar, two wells, spring, two barns, that hold 40 head of stock, corncrib, granary, together with farming implements; team, one cow, one stack of millet, two stacks sheaf oats, 350 shocks of corn, with fodder, all in running order, one-half in cultivation, balance pasture—about 300 choice young fruit trees, besides all kinds of small fruit. Possession given any time. $6,000 takes it, some property, some money, and easy time. Would make somebody a handsome home. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. nov13-dtf

For Sale—Horses on Easy Payments.

We have some good work horses which we can sell on the installment plan, or on long time. Also two good milch cows very cheap. Apply at Dimock's Sale stable at west end of Eldorado street. April 29 dtf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Property on East Decatur street, at the rear of 153 South Water street. Apply to J. L. BULLARD on North Main street. Nov 21-dtf

MONEY TO LOAN.

$10,000 TO LOAN, on improved Decatur or Macon county real estate. Lowest rates. No delay. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS OF ALL KINDS.
FISK BROS., Over Farmers' Bank.
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LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 6 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loans money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street. dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. July 7-d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

300 AND 120 ACRE FARMS, well improved, in Richland county, Ill., to exchange for merchandise. Good Livery Barn and Stock to exchange for farm or Decatur city property. P. J. KELLER, Sullivan, Ill. Dec 26-d6*

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES bought and loaned upon. Also all forms of Life, Endowment and Accident Insurance written. J. W. CRANE, 127 E. Main street. 25-d6*

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10 dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov20 dtf

SALESMEN—Merchant's Trade, $30 a week. Now, quick, good. Light samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3011 Market st., Phila. May 29 dtf

THE Blue Glass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

X-MAS Holly, wreathing, roping Mistletoe, and Decorations of all kinds for Holiday customers, on short notice. Call on N. BOMMERSBACH, or telephone 200. Dec 12-dtf

THE GREATEST CONQUERERS ON EARTH. WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN? WHAT? Cerrodanie Capsules. WHY? Because hey never fail to cure Rheumatism and Neuralgia for they destroy and remove the cause and a cure must follow. WHEN? Now. By mail, prepaid, $1.00, six boxes for $5.00. Write for free circulars which explain our theory. Agents wanted. THE CERRODANIE CO., Decatur, Ill. Nov 21-dtf

PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS.
GEO. M. WOOD; 135 South Water st.
June8-d&wtf

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

THE TURNER HALL, DECATUR.

A large and convenient hall, new and finely equipped, with stage, toilet rooms, etc., can be secured for parties, entertainments, socials and shows. Enquire of the Trustees, W. Steinbach, John Weigand and W. M. Bold. Oct. 2-dtf

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make an application for the pardon of Rosa or Rosella Soors, to the Governor of Illinois, at Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, January 9, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as said petition can be heard.
Dated Decatur, Ill., December 14, 1896.
Dec 14-d2w MARGARET JORDAN.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

On January 4th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., I will offer for sale the stock of Implements, Buggies, Pumps, two second-hand Engines, Power Corn Sheller, Office Furniture, Seed Cases, Rack, Shelving, Etc., held by me as assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Bro., at 135 South Water street, where the property is located. Sealed bids will be considered which reach me before that hour of sale. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids. This is a rare opportunity for anyone wishing to go into the implement business, and they should not let it pass. I will take pleasure in showing the stock and giving them all the information required. J. M. HUGHES,
Assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Bro.
Dec. 18, 1896 d10d

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of James T. Winslow, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of James T. Winslow, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1896.
FRANCES G. WINSLOW, Executrix.
Dec 17-d3w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, 1897.

John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Malone et al.—Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that on due inquiry the residence of the following named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Satronia Bohrer cannot be found, notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of you above named defendants returnable to the next January term 1897, on the first day thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897. Now unless you, the said Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Satronia Bohrer shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1896.
[Seal] E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec1 d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, Macon County.

A. T. Risley vs. Perry Wandell et al. No. 15,787 Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows to wit: Beginning at the center of the southeast quarter of section No. thirty-four (34) in township No. sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west fifteen (15) chains; thence north twelve (12) chains; thence east fifteen (15) chains thence south twelve (12) chains to the place of beginning; containing eighteen (18) acres situated in the county of Macon, in the State of Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 5th day of December, 1896, JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. E. Redmond, Sol. [Dec 7-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, Macon County, Illinois.

Beulah M. Seely vs. Alexander Isbeel.—No. 15,586. Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term 1896, of said court, I James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, described as follows, to wit: Commencing ninety four and 58-100 feet east of the northwest corner of Lot number seven (7) in the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section sixteen (16), township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3rd principal meridian, thence south to the west line of the right of way of the St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railway Company, thence northeasterly along said right of way to a point 70 feet east of the place of beginning, thence west 70 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.
Dated this 27th day of November, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Solicitors.—Nov. 28-dtd

NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, A. D. 1897.

Joseph McKeown vs. L. M. Neal—Distress for Rent.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the defendant above named having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county notice is hereby given to the said L. M. Neal that the said Joseph McKeown filed a copy of his certain distress warrant to distrain for rent the goods and chattels of the said L. M. Neal, together with an inventory of the goods and chattels levied upon by virtue thereof in the office of the clerk of said court, on the law side thereof, and that a summons was thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, returnable on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1897, as is required by law.

Now, therefore, unless the said L. M. Neal shall personally be and appear before the said court of Macon county, on the first day of the term thereof, to be holden at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1897, and plead to the said plaintiff's action, a finding of the court will be entered against you, and in favor of the said Joseph McKeown, and a certificate of such finding issued accordingly, and so much of the said property distrained as may be sufficient to satisfy the said finding of said court and costs, will be sold to satisfy the same.
D. L. FOSTER, Clerk Circuit Court.
S. A. D. Gray, Plaintiff's Attorney.
Dec 19 d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court to the January Term 1897.

Ida E. Armstrong vs. Isabella Disney et al.—In Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the defendants, Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young, three of the above named defendants, are not residents of the state of Illinois. Notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainant has filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that said suit is still pending, and that summons against upon issued out of said court against each of the above named defendants returnable to the next January term of said court on the first day thereof to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897. Now unless you the said Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated at Decatur this 2d day of December, A. D. 1896. [Seal.] E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec 2-d4w

Executor's Notice for Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss

Estate of Frederick Ebert, Deceased.

To John H. Ebert, Elizabeth Ebert, Catherine Ebert, the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Decatur, William P. Ebert, Addie Ebert, Joseph Ebert, and Clara Ebert, heirs and legatees of said estate.

You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, will present to the county court of Macon county, at the county court room at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such executor, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application if you choose so to do.
[Signed] JACOB F. EBERT, Executor.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys.
December 22, 1896-d2w

EXECTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William Florey, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William Florey, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 8th day of December, 1896.
SHERRY A. TUTTLE, Executor.
Dec. 8-w3w

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect May 20, 1896.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1 25 a m	11	*3 30 a m
51	*11 45 a m	15	*3 05 p m
10	*7 10 a m	17	*7 35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	*6 40 a m	6	*5 25 a m
11	*6 05 a m	1	*11 25 a m
5	*4 05 p m	14	*11 12 a m
15	*1 40 p m	10	*9 10 p m
1	*12.13 a m	2	*10 13 p m
7	*7 20 p m	12	*12 55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	*8 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11 30 a m	7	*7 17 p m
2	*10 18 p m	5	*3 50 p m
10 Laf accm	*4 00 p m	3	*3 20 a m
		11	*10 30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
1	*1 05 p m	4	*11 0 a m
3	*6 10 a m	2	*10 05 p m
17 Spfd only	*7 40 p m	16 from Spfg	*7 45 a m
11 Spfd accm	*10 44 a m	10 from accm	*4 36 p m

*Daily. ~Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily ....1:38 a m	Diamond Special, daily ....2.50 a m
No. 122 pass. ex. Sunday .... 9.30 a m	No. 175 pass. ex. Sunday .... 9 30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday .... 2 00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday ....10 10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday .... 6 10 p m	No. 123 pass. ex. Sunday ....3:08 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday .... 2 25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday ....10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6.00 a m	No. 703 From Chicago, daily 9.05 p m
No 120 daily to Chicago .. 11 55 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis .. 2 58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1 ....10 42 a. m.	A No. 2 ....2 41 p. m.
D No. 3 ....10.10 p. m.	A No. 4 ....3 50 a. m.
A No. 31 ....4.50 p. m.	A No. 30 ....6.15 a. m.
	S No. 36 ....7 10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2 ....2 17 p. m.	A No. 1 ....10 50 a. m.
A No. 4 ....4 10 a. m.	D No. 3 ....10 20 p. m.
A No. 30 ....6:35 a. m.	A No. 31 ....5 00 p. m.
S No. 36 ....7.30 a. m.	A No. 11 ....3 15 p. m.
A No. 10 ....10 12 a. m.	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass. *1 00 a m	No. 2 Pass. *11.25 a m
" 1 Pass. †2 25 p m	" 4 Pass *10 20 p m
" 7 Acc †10.00 a m	" 8 Accom ‡4.00 a m
*Daily. †Except Sunday	‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Nov. 15, 1896.
Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.
FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 9 46 a. m. ... For Peoria
No. 70, Ex., Sun. 6: 0 p. m ... For Peoria
FOR THE EAST
No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8 44 a. m. .. For Terre Haute
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WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

The Wabash announces the usual low rates for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Tickets are sold December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897. All tickets good returning till January 4th.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

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Springfield, Ill., account Inauguration Ceremonies. One fare round trip. Sell January 9th, 10th and 11th, good returning till Jan. 13th.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph Hill, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Joseph Hill, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 18th day of December, 1896.
GEO. S. CONNARD, Executor.
Dec 18 d3w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on to points south and southwest.

Homeseekers Excursions on November 17th, December 1st and 15th. One fare plus $2.00 round trip, to following territory: Points Northwest, West, Southwest and South.

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Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—solid Daily train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 28, Old No. 480. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Catherine McGuire, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Catherine McGuire, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1896.
THEODORE J. McGUIRE, Administrator.
Dec. 15 d3w

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Fund Building Association will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the office, 240 North Main street for the purpose of electing two directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.
L. L. BURROWS, President.
L. E. EYMAN, Sec. and Treas.
Dec 8-d3w

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For prompt attention call on the Big 4 Baggage and Transfer Co. night or day. Claim checks given at your house, and special wagons for freight work, moving household goods, pianos, etc., at reasonable prices. Office at Hotel Brunswick. Telephone 115.
C. W. LINDSEY, Prop. and Manager.
Dec. 25-d2w

Holiday Excursions.

On December 24th, 25th and 31st, and January 1st, the I. C. R. R. will sell tickets to points on their line within 200 miles of Decatur at One and One-Third Fare round trip. Tickets good returning until January 4, 1897. Tickets on sale at city office, 121 East William street, or Union Depot.

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What if Not Miracles?

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculous as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or anyone whose name may appear among these testimonials.)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE.

Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES," Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 12, '93

GENTLEMEN:—I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four C Remedy," so far as I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I had coughed nearly the entire night; just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this wholly unsolicited by anyone, for you are benefactors of the race in giving it the antidote for some of the worst afflictions to which it is heir.
Very Truly Yours,
C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec 24, '91

Last Friday, Dec 19, my attending physician stated unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelp's "Four C" remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough; slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and to-day was up town purchasing holiday goods.
MISS JENNIE BASSET,
Washington Ave. and Summit St

CROUP CURED.

One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure, gave my child instant relief when attacked with the croup.
W. E. MOORE, of Moore Bros., Grocers.
Arkansas City, Kansas.

UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.

J. B. HULING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
196 South Clark St
Chicago, Nov. 24, '94

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City,

DEAR SIR,—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest and it is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning, it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly. Yours,
J. B. HULING

ACUTE LARYNGITIS.

Chicago, Sept 25, '95

For years back each winter I have suffered with acute Laryngitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough preparation from cough drops up and down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the first night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It is as different from other like remedies as molasses from vinegar or sugar from sand.
MRS JOSEPH E. GUINN
5713 Madison Ave.

IT IS A MIRACLE.

Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodasha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C" "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."

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Kid Gloves at 98c, $1.25, $1.50.
Wool Mitts at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Silk Mittens at 75c, $1.00; $1.25.
Towels at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c; 50c each.
Fascinatators at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 each.

JACKETS.

What would be nicer than a good Jacket for a present?

Jackets at $3.50, $5.00, $7.50, $10, $12.50.
Capes at $5.00, $6.50, $7.50, $10.
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Ladies' Dress Skirts at $1.98, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50.

We make to order any special kind of Dress Skirt at short notice.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

RATHBONE SISTERS—Regular meeting of Myrtle Temple No 2, Rathbone Sisters, this (Monday) evening, at 7 30 o'clock, sharp, in the old Calumet rooms, Opera House Block. It is desired that every member be present as it is the close of the year. Visitors always welcome ALMA BULZBACH, M. E. C. EMMA R. WRIGAND, M. of R. & C.

LOCAL NEWS.

Don't

Fail to call upon us if you want a dinner set. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but——

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Irwin's Kola Celery and red clover is a good nervine and blood purifier.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 23-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Irwin's penetrating liniment cures neuralgia.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Mch 25-dtf.

Irwin's Rock balsam is a reliable cough and cold cure.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant —Oct31tf

Up to date local dealers have very poor prospects for a harvest of ice. They may be forced to purchase the supply for Decatur consumers.

Nearly two-thirds of the lower floor of the Grand was sold today by 10 o'clock for the lady minstrel show tonight, for the benefit of the Anna B Millikin Home.

To Rent -Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 705 North Union street. 22 dtf

Tomorrow evening Miss Eugenia Harris will give a dinner party in honor of Miss Margaret Olive Black of Jacksonville, who will be here to attend the Holiday club dance.

At police headquarters this morning came two descriptive letters from the chief of police at Boston, Mass. One letter describes a man wanted for the theft of $1000, and other pictures a man who embezzled $25,000. In neither case is a reward offered, but should the Decatur officers find either man he will be arrested and held

Will Give a Dance

The members of the Wabash Dancing club, a social organization composed of employes of the Wabash, will give a masquerade ball this evening at the Chronister hall. They will hold dances every Monday evening.

Notice.

After January 1st we will reduce prices on all groceries and sell for cash only John Peniwell, corner W. Main and Monroe streets. dec26 d1w

Take

Advantage of our low prices on all Christmas goods next week.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

The amateur "Bunch of Keys" company of Pekin, have conceived the idea of going upon the road. They will make their first stand at Minonk on January 15.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Lydia Baird, of Champaign, fell down stairs and broke her ankle. She was found unconscious an hour later.

REV. HALL IS PASTOR

Asked to Take Charge of the Church Street Christian Church.

ACTION WAS TAKEN SUNDAY

At a Meeting Held After the Morning Service—Will Also Have a New Choir Master—News of the Other Churches.

Rev. George F. Hall has been made pastor of the Church street Christian church. The action was taken by the congregation at a meeting held yesterday after the morning service. Since the old church was disbanded and the two new churches formed Mr. Hall has been acting as pastor but yesterday he was formally called and next Sunday he will enter upon his duties as the head of the church.

After the service yesterday Mr. Humphrey called a meeting and said that he had two surprises for the congregation. The first was that whereas Rev. Hall under the old management had been paid $2000 per year as a salary for being pastor he was now willing to take the position for half the amount, $1000, on several conditions, one of which was that he should have twelve weeks off each year for lecturing The members of the official

GEO F. HALL

board recommended Mr. Hall as pastor and the congregation were asked to vote. A standing vote was taken and every one in the audience arose, so Mr. Hall was declared pastor.

The second surprise Mr. Humphrey said was there was a scheme on foot to have a fine choir master. It has always been Mr. Hall's idea to have a chorister who would be able to develop the finest chorus choir in the state and the man who has been selected for this purpose is Prof. M. S. Calvin of Beatrice, Neb. A vote was taken on this question and it was decided to engage Mr. Calvin at once. He will be here the first of the year. Mr. Hall in speaking of the new choir leader says that he is one of the best fitted men for the place in the country and that the church will have a choir of one hundred voices in a few weeks Calvin has had charge of the music in the public schools in Beatrice, and it is said that the schools in that city have the best music of any place in the state with the possible exception of Omaha. He comes highly recommended by some of the best musical people in the country. He is to receive $500 a year and half the proceeds of two grand concerts as a salary. The professor will bring his wife and daughter with him and they will make their home in this city He also expects to open a conservatory of music in Decatur.

Rev. Hall says that he starts in the new church as pastor with about 420 enrolled members and that there are about 200 more whose names have not yet been put down. The church is free from debt and there is a lease on the ground for seven years beginning next March, so that Mr. Hall enters upon the duties of pastor under the most favorable circumstances.

At the Edward Street Church.

At the Edward street Christian church Sunday Rev. Oliver W. Stewart, state president of the Christian Endeavor society, preached. There were large attendances at both services. The congregation raised the money Sunday to pay off the floating debt of the church and will start the new year without any financial drawbacks. The official board of the church is making arrangements to call a pastor. They are now negotiating with a minister but do not yet know whether or not he will accept.

Christmas Song Service.

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday there was a Christmas song service. The regular choir, composed of Mrs. W. J. Hostetler, Mrs. Mueller, Frank Powers and C. W. Montgomery, was assisted by a number of others, Miss Jeanette Powers rendered a violin solo and Mrs. Mueller sang a vocal solo. There was a duet by Mrs. Mueller and Mrs. Hostetler and a number of other excellent musical numbers.

A Mass Meeting.

The Sunday school superintendents and other workers will hold another meeting tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church. At the last meeting held at the same place Decatur township was divided into fourteen districts and at the meeting tomorrow night some one person will be chosen to have charge of each district Every superintendent is urged to attend this meeting. The work to be undertaken is a great one, and every Sunday school in the township should have some of its members take an active part in this house to house visitation. Each Sunday school has an interest in this work, and it is hoped that a good many members of each school will be present at the meeting to be held tomorrow night.

FULLER FUNERAL

Held This Afternoon at 1:30 O'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CHARGE

Large Attendance of Odd Fellows, Members of the G. A. R. and Friends—Burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

The funeral of the late C H. Fuller was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from St. John's Episcopal church. There was a large attendance of friends besides the organization which attended in a body. The funeral was in charge of the members of the Knights Templar. The church was beautifully decorated and there were many floral tributes. The Episcopal burial service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Frank N. Atkin, after which the Knights Templar held their ritual. The music was rendered by a surplice choir composed of George Dunston, J. R. Burrows, Miss Beatrice Howard and Miss Maude Burrows. The selections given were "Abide With Me," "Lead Kindly Light," and the Elpscopal burial chant.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The members of the G. A. R. and Odd Fellows and Knights Templar served as escort for the cortege. The active pall bearers were the following members of the Knights Templar O. B. Gorin, Peter Loeb, L. L. Burrows, W. J. Wayne, J. N. Baker and D. S. Shellenarger. There were eight honorary pall bearers, four from the Odd Fellows, Joseph Mills, Henry Wagner, Isaac Ehrman and J. L. Peake, and four from the G. A. R, H Mahannah, Henry May, Samuel Troutman and Martin Fitzpatrick. The Odd Fellows conducted a ritual service at the grave and military bugle notes were sounded.

WEDDING NEXT WEEK.

Invitations are Out To-Day for the Marriage of Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., and Miss Pussy Hoskins.

The invitations were issued today for the marriage of Peter Vredenburgh, Jr, of Springfield, and Miss Pussy Hoskins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins, of this city. The wedding is to occur at the First Presbyterian church of this city at high noon on January 13. The officiating clergyman will be Rev W. H. Penhallegon. After the ceremony at the church there will be a wedding breakfast at the Hoskins residence and in the evening a large reception will be given. A large number of persons have been invited and the wedding will be one of the handsomest of the season.

Miss Hoskins is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs T. S Hoskins and is a young lady who has always been prominent in Decatur society and is greatly admired by a large circle of acquaintances. Mr Vredenburgh is the son of Peter Vredenburg, Sr., a lumber dealer of Springfield, and is well known in Decatur, having frequently visited in the city.

Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Drury was held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Methodist church at Forsyth. The services were conducted by Rev. Brown of Friends Creek church, and the burial was at Boiling Springs cemetery. The pall bearers were William Bainter, William Marquis, John Parkhurst, John Gouterman, H. C. Mowry and J W. Parker.

Death of a Child.

Charles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Turner, died at 3 a. m. today at the family residence, No. 455 East Leafland avenue, aged 3 years. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Death of a Child.

Esther Young, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Young, died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the family home on Spring avenue. The burial was held this afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic church and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery.

Lamp.

We will make some prices on lamps that will induce you to buy if you need one. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

THE POWERS BLOCK.

The Handsome New Building is Ready for Occupancy.

TENANTS ARE MOVING IN TO DAY.

The Place is Nearly Completed and Will be Open in a Few Days List of the Professional Men Who Have Rented Offices

The new Powers building which has been in the course of construction for months past is now ready for occupancy and will be open in a few days Some of the tenants began moving in today and are getting settled in their offices There are yet a few finishing touches to be made by the workmen before the place will be completed.

The interior of the building is handsome and the office rooms are as pleasant and convenient as could be found anywhere. There is a large entrance on South Water street leading into the main hall where the stairway and two elevators are located The room on the ground floor is to be occupied by the Beckwith grocery house The firm expects to have their store open the first of the year. On the second floor there is a large room which is not connected with the Linn & Scruggs store and a suite of offices which have been rented by C S Hankins, the insurance agent

The offices on the second floor extend over the entire building. There is a large court in the center and the hallway around the building forms a square On the west side the hall windows are on the court but on the other three sides there is a large space which will be divided off in office rooms with windows on the court The rooms are not partitioned off until rented so they may be arranged to suit the tenants. The outside rooms face on Water, Main and State streets The court is so large that the inside rooms are almost as well lighted as those facing on the street.

The offices on the west side of the building on the second floor are all rented Dr W. M. Catto has four rooms with a private hallway at the northwest corner of the building. The office next south is occupied by H. L. Oldham, the agent for the building. South of this are three rooms which will be used by Dr John Miller. Dr. M. Brandom and Dr C W Brandom have their offices together Dr Fribley, the dentist, has a suite of three offices, Dr. Myers, the physician and Dr Bachman, the dentist, have a reception rooms together and separate private offices Dr. J. H. Eddy, the physician, and Dr. O. T Eddy, the dentist, have a suite of offices together, situated next to the elevator Dr B L Macenthal has an office opposite the elevator

The fourth floor of the building is similar in arrangement to the third floor The fifth floor is not divided into offices At the northwest corner there is a large room extending the entire length of the building which has been suggested as a suitable place for the public library Sleeth, the photographer, has a gallery on this floor and at the northeast corner are the apartments which are to be occupied by Coeur de Leon, lodge, K of P There is a large lodge room, a banquet room, property rooms and reception and ante rooms There is an entrance on East Main street with a stairway at the north east corner. The building is handsomely finished. The hallways are wide and light and are covered with matting The woodwork is of hard pine and the walls are tastefully decorated. There is every appliance in the building which adds to the convenience of the tenants

The Leonard Carnival.

There was a merry time in Guards' Armory Saturday evening at the Children's Christmas carnival, given under the direction of Prof. Leonard and Miss Marie Leonard. The floor was filled with happy children, all in fancy costume, and everybody had a good time, while parents and friends looked on and witnessed the enjoyment of the young people There was an exercise with Indian clubs and Miss Marie Meyer gave a tamborine dance in a creditable way. The Highland fling was performed by Gene Morris After the exercises the children danced until Santa Claus made his appearance with presents of candies and oranges for them all

Appointed Deputy

Joseph B. Dinges has been appointed deputy grand commander for Chevalier Bayard lodge, No. 189, Knights of Pythias. He has received his commission from John D. Benedict of Danville grand commander.

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HORRIBLE MURD

Mary Gilfillan Found Dead Morning With Six Bullet H in Her Head.

SPAIN HAS NOT AC

The Mediation of the United St Granting Autonomy to Cuba May Offer Cuba Some Concessions.

Osceola, Iowa, Dec 29—Six wo Mrs Mary Gilfillan of Bradford, rived here and secured work in This morning her body was found lated in a pump house of the r Six bullets had been fired into h and her hands were covered with She was last seen with Joseph Wi a son of a local physician. A wa out for him.

Another Denial as to Spain.

Washington, Dec. 29—It is o denied that the Spanish premier M olney a communication accepting tion of the United States on carry plan for the autonomy for Cu is said no such letter has been s has anything of that nature through the hands of the Spanish here Negotiations looking to ho have been in progress for some The last phase of these indicated largement of the home rule laws by the courts last year, but not execution. Negotiations so far, h have been tentative. No draft o has been received here.

Conspiracy Against Spain Discov

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Advices fr Philippine islands are that in an ment this week between the Span the insurgents near Manilla the la said to have lost 138 men. A con against Spain has been discovere province of Gulucan. Many notabl been arrested.

BANK CLOSES.

The Columbia Bank of Minneapoli Hands of the Examiner.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—The Co National bank, comparatively established with a capital of $ went into the hands of the bank ex this morning The statement f showed loans and discounts, $ other resources aggregates $188, posits, $183,000, due other banks 000, notes outstanding, $45,000. Cashier Bodleter says all the li are only $247,000, claims the bank ble to pay depositors in full and fair settlement with stockholder failure was precipitated by the wi of large amounts of state and posits Only about $11,000 of state remains in the bank.

Batavia Bank Did Not Open

Batavia, Ill., Dec 29—Van Nor Bank did not open this morning. charge of a receiver. Over $20 taken in yesterday and over $40 out Cashier Grimes says all the taken in yesterday will be returne erything remains quiet here. No other banks. No business failure. says further that there is no reas any institution with which the Va wicks are connected should close as all are making money.

Roanoke Bank Fails.

Washington, Dec. 29—Comptroll ls was today notified that the C cial National bank of Roanoke, V ed The bank examiner was sent charge The report Nov. 21 show $204,000; surplus, $25,000; due de $70,000, other liabilities, $35,000.

State Bank Closes

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—The W ton bank, a state institution, c doors at noon. Capital $1 00,00 statement Dec 17, showed loans counts, $507,145; cash, $88,272; o sets, $18,868; deposits, $523,667.

Wheat Advances Two Cent

Chicago, Dec 29.—On a repo shortage of 50,000,000 bushels in t ern winter wheat crop continues foreign demand large. Clearan heavy decrease in the world's wheat advance two cents today.

Spanish Steamer Lost.

Bilbao, Spain, Dec. 29.—The steamer Carranza was lost off the Apolo last night and fifteen me the crew are missing

In a recent experiment at a w factory a tree was cut down at 7 and converted into paper and run its press at precisely 10 o'clock.